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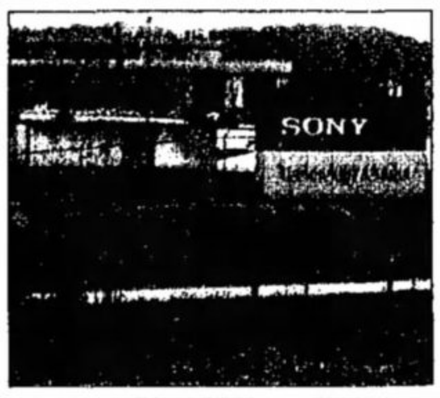
Freddy Sanchez paid heavy dues on his way to the majors. Now, the Pirates' infielder is cashing in. **1B**



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Aging and often ailing, Shaquille O'Neal likely will move on to the Phoenix Suns. **1B**

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Something has to give when Cal U and Edinboro meet tonight in a PSAC West clash. **1B**

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McCain clear favorite

Clinton and Obama will duke it out for Democratic Party delegates.

By CALVIN WOODWARD
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WASHINGTON – John McCain earned himself a super Wednesday, a day to savor coast-to-coast primary victories that ratified him as the Republican front-runner.

Meanwhile, Hillary Rodham Clinton and Barack Obama dug in after a night of divided spoils in a Democratic presidential contest that could stretch to the spring.

Obama

McCain

Clinton

McCain, whose campaign once verged on collapse, piled up more delegates than his two rivals combined, pushing over the halfway mark on what's needed to clinch the nomination. His victories stretched from New York to California, the biggest prize. Still, Mitt Romney in the West and Mike Huckabee in the South proved to be go-to candidates for conservatives, and they vowed to press forward.

Clarity of any sort eluded the Democrats as campaigns turned to the next rounds – contests in Louisiana, Nebraska and Washington state Saturday and primaries in Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia on Tuesday.

Obama won 13 Super Tuesday states; Clinton, eight plus American Samoa. Clinton scored the advantage in

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Free lunch history at Monessen

The district is out to collect $35,000 in delinquent student cafeteria bills.

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MONESSEN – Got lunch money?

That's the question many students will face as the Monessen School District tries to collect bills for breakfast and lunch meals totaling $35,000.

Chelen

The school board is working on a stricter policy to collect student meal balances and deal with past-due accounts.

Superintendent Dr. Cynthia Chelen told the board members Tuesday night that the $35,000 involves debts for students in all grades. She said one student owes $300.

"It's a serious problem that we have to address," Chelen said.

She explained about 70 percent of Monessen students receive free or reduced meals. Federal guidelines require those students to receive full meals, rather than pick and choose from the daily menu.

Students not on the reduced plan pay 75 cents for breakfast at the high school/middle school and 55 cents at the elementary center. Lunches cost $1.50 at the high school/middle school and $1.35 at the elementary center.

"The problem is that many of these students choose to get something different, so they are charged for that extra item," she said.

"If they don't take the full lunch, we have to charge them for the additional items."

Students can pay for meals daily, or parents can deposit money in individual students accounts. When food is purchased under the latter scenario, money is withdrawn from the accounts.

Chelen said the district cannot deny a student a meal, but officials will consider "alternative," selections, which would consist of cereal and juice or milk for breakfast and a cheese sandwich and drink for lunch.

Students will be charged for alternative meals.

Students without lunch money would no longer be permitted to receive full breakfasts and lunches or additional items such as chicken nuggets, salad bar items, pizza or nachos.

Students must repay school debts, including outstanding meal accounts, before graduating.

Those who fail to pay up will not receive diplomas until the accounts are cleared.

The board is expected to act on the new policy when it meets 7:30 Tuesday.

Jim Ference/The Valley Independent

In the wake of heavy rain Tuesday, water covered a section of Bentleyville Road near the Alta Vista Business Park in Fallowfield Township. Officials in other Valley municipalities reported no flooding.

Rendell budget proposal includes low-income perk

The Democratic governor again called for bipartisan cooperation.

By MARK SCOLFORO
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HARRISBURG – Last year's budget negotiations led to furloughs for thousands of state workers and a partial government shutdown.

On Tuesday, Gov. Ed Rendell took the first step toward a $28.3 billion spending plan for 2008-09 with a budget address that made several references to bipartisan cooperation in the face of a potential economic downturn.

"Because of the conditions that exist today, the people of Pennsylvania are watching us more closely than ever to see if we can put aside our differences and get things done," Rendell told the General Assembly as he outlined a plan to increase spending by $1.1 billion, or 4.2 percent.

Much of what the Democratic governor wants to get done consists of proposals he put forth in prior years that have not made it out of the Legislature — extending health insurance to all state residents, spending $850 million to make the state more energy independent and borrowing $1.25 billion to underwrite development projects and build medical research facilities.

"We have discussed and debated many of these ideas for months and months, and it is now time to act," Rendell said. "Our state's economy, and the millions of lives that are tied to it, demand that we take these necessary steps as quickly as possible."

The most notable new initiative was a plan to give 475,000 lower-income families one-time payments of as much as $400 to stimulate the state's economy as the specter of recession looms. It would be financed with $130 million from the state's "rainy day fund" budget reserve and have an income eligibility limit of $32,000 for a family of four.

Republicans, who control the Senate and hold a slim minority in the House, hardly raced to embrace the idea, and House Minority Leader Sam Smith, R-Jefferson, said avoiding a repeat of last summer's budgetary train wreck would "depend on whether the administration is willing to back down from some of the spending and taxes."

Senate Majority Leader Dominic Pileggi, R-Delaware, said he prefers "a longer-term, predictable course that emphasizes fiscal restraints and has a focus that does stimulate the economy in a sustainable way," such as targeted business tax incentives or a reduction in the personal income tax.

Pileggi said he agreed, at least in concept, with the governor's proposed expansion of a job-creation tax credit and a focus on infrastructure that includes pumping hundreds of millions of dollars into rebuilding bridges and

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Mon Valley lawmakers back plan

The area delegation supports proposals that will boost the economy.

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Gov. Ed Rendell's proposed budget received high grades from the area's legislative delegation because of a commitment to spur the lagging economy.

But area district's would fail to receive the average increase in basic education subsidies being proposed for their counterparts statewide.

State Rep. David Levdansky, D-Forward Township, said he was generally favorable to the budget.

Levdansky said the budget makes "a real commitment" to getting a health care package passed this year that provides coverage for the uninsured.

State Rep. Peter J. Daley, D-California, gave the budget mostly favorable marks.

Levdansky and Daley both said they were pleased with the governor's proposed $291 million increase in basic education subsidies, up by nearly 6 percent statewide.

While basic subsidies are up for each district, Mid-Mon Valley schools lag behind the proposed statewide increases. Locally, the governor has proposed the following basic subsidy increases:

Bentworth, 2.39 percent; Belle Vernon Area, 4.69; Brownsville Area, 2.81; California Area, 2.85; Charleroi Area, 5.78; Elizabeth-Forward, 4.32; Monessen, 4.39; Ringgold, 5.45; Yough, 4.77.

Daley also favored the proposed one-time $400 rebates for lower-

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income families, defined in the spending package as a family of four with an annual income of under $32,000.

Levdansky pointed to the governor's proposal to provide $250 million for road, bridge, rail and airport improvements. He said investments in infrastructure create jobs and spur the economy.

"I think it is a good, solid budget that by-and-large includes no tax increases," Daley said.

Daley, however, said he does not support the governor's proposal to raise taxes on smokeless tobacco

The California Democrat said he met after the budget address Tuesday with state Community and Economic Development Secretary Dennis Yablonsky to discuss economic development incentives for local communities.

State Sen. J. Barry Stout, D-Bentleyville, said proposed rebates for lower-income individuals and families would greatly impact the Mid-Mon Valley. He called it "unprecedented" for the state to propose such rebates, normally done only on the federal level.

"It shows the governor is willing to work with our federal counterparts to help stimulate the economy," Stout said.

Stout also touted increases in funding for education on all levels. Under the governor's proposal, a base appropriation of $498.5 million to support the daily operations of the 14 state-owned universities, an increase of $14.5 million, or 3 percent, over the current funding level. the system would continue to receive an additional $20.3 million in state funding for a variety of special programs.

And Stout touted the proposed increase in transportation improvements, saying the governor's plan would cut the list of the state's substandard bridges by 40 percent over the next few years.

Yesteryear

Gino Ferrara submitted this photo taken during his first trip to New York City in 1946 for his 16th birthday. Pictured from left are Ferrara, Joe Demagio, a friend from New York; Ferrara's brother, Barto Ferrara, and Tom DeFazio, of Monessen.

If you have a good oldtime photograph, send it to us at Eastgate 19, Monessen, Pa., 15062.

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Rendell (FROM PAGE ONE)

cleaning up industrial sites.

Rendell is asking to increase the state's debt limit by $750 million for civic development projects, which would mark the fourth time the debt ceiling has been lifted since he took office in 2003.

He wants to borrow $270 million to rebuild bridges and make other infrastructure improvements.

Rendell vowed he would not agree to repeal the law that will add tolls to Interstate 80 without a way to replace the billion dollars a year it would generate for mass transit, roads and bridges.

The governor has said he intends to solicit bids on the potential lease of the Pennsylvania Turnpike as an alternative source of revenue, which would require legislative approval.

Rendell's budget would require targeted tax increases, including a dime-a-pack boost in the cigarette tax to help pay for the plan he introduced last year to extend health benefits to 760,000 uninsured adults. That would make Pennsylvania's total cigarette tax $1.45 a pack, or 14th highest in the nation.

"It should shock the conscience of all of us and every Pennsylvanian to know that nearly 800,000 of our fellow citizens lack health insurance," Rendell said. "They pay a terrible price, but we do, too, because when they arrive at a hospital emergency room in need of treatment for which they cannot pay, we all pay the bill."

Smith, the House GOP leader, said he feared the health insurance proposal would trigger a "crowd out" response in which some businesses stopped offering coverage.

"He's just shifting the uninsured over to people who currently have insurance," Smith said. "They will become the new uninsured."

The governor's budget provides $100 million to expand a program that helps prepare abandoned sites for use by businesses. A proposed slowdown in the ongoing phase out of the Capital Stock and Franchise Tax would free up $40 million for hazardous-waste cleanups.

For public schools – a critical element any state budget, and a particular focus of Rendell's – basic education subsidies would go up by nearly 6 percent, or $291 million.

He called it the largest one-year increase in more than two decades.

Additional tens of millions of dollars are earmarked for a preschool initiative, the purchase of laptop computers, special education and reimbursements for charter schools.

Libraries, community colleges, higher-education grants and universities also would get larger state subsidies.

"Our progress is undeniable, but so is the challenge before us," Rendell said. "Forty percent of our high school graduates still cannot do 12th-grade work."

Rendell said the state should spend $2.6 billion over the next six years to repair an "adequacy gap" in how schools are funded.

He also proposed adding a new assessment on all property-insurance policies – 7 cents per $100 in premiums – to raise about $3 million a year for local flood-control projects.

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delegates, bring her total to 845 to Obama's 765, by the latest accounting. The road ahead was long for the Democrats: It takes 2,025 delegates to claim their nomination.

Delegate tabulations continued Wednesday, possibly longer, and the victor in one race remained unsettled – the Democratic caucuses in New Mexico.

Clinton won the biggest state, California, capitalizing on backing from Hispanic voters. Obama scored victories in Alabama and Georgia on the strength of black support, and won a nail-biter in bellwether Missouri.

McCain's own victory in California dealt a crushing blow to his closest pursuer, Romney, a former Massachusetts governor.

"We've won some of the biggest states in the country," the Arizona senator told cheering supporters at a rally in Phoenix, hours before California fell his way. An underdog for months, he proclaimed himself the front-runner at last, and added. "I don't really mind it one bit."

In the competition that counted the most, the Arizona senator had 613 delegates, to 269 for Romney and 190 for Huckabee in incomplete counting. It takes 1,191 to win the GOP nomination.

Neither Democrat could plausibly claim an overall victory and didn't try.

"I look forward to continuing our campaign and our debate about how to leave this country better off for the next generation," Clinton said.

Obama told a boisterous election night rally in Chicago, "Our time has come. Our movement is real. And change is coming to America."

Polling place interviews with voters suggested subtle shifts in the political landscape.

For the first time this year, McCain ran first in a few states among self-identified Republicans. As usual, he was running strongly among independents. Romney was getting the votes of about four in 10 people who described themselves as conservative. McCain was winning about one-third of that group, and Huckabee about one in five.

Overall, Clinton was winning only a slight edge among women and white voters, groups that she had won handily in earlier contests, according to preliminary results from interviews with voters in 16 states leaving polling places.

Obama was collecting the overwhelming majority of votes cast by blacks – a factor in victories in Alabama and Georgia.

Clinton's continued strong appeal among Hispanics – she was winning nearly six in 10 of their votes – was a big factor in her California triumph, and in her victory in Arizona, too.

McCain, the early Republican front-runner whose campaign nearly unraveled six months ago, won in California, New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Missouri, Delaware and his home state of Arizona – each of them winner-take-all primaries. He also pocketed victories in Oklahoma and Illinois.

Huckabee, the former governor of Arkansas, won a series of Bible Belt victories, in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee as well as his own home state. He also triumphed at the Republican West Virginia convention, and told The Associated Press in an interview he would campaign on. "The one way you can't win a race is to quit it, and until somebody beats me, I'm going to answer the bell for every round of this fight," he said.

Romney won a home state victory in Massachusetts. He also took Utah, where fellow Mormons supported his candidacy. His superior organization produced caucus victories in North Dakota, Montana, Minnesota, Alaska and Colorado, and he, too, breathed defiance.

"We're going to go all the way to the convention. We're going to win this thing," he told supporters in Boston.

Democrats played out a historic struggle between two senators: Clinton, seeking to become the first female president, and Obama, hoping to become the first black to win the White House.

Clinton won at home in New York as well as in California, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Arizona and Arkansas, where she was first lady for more than a decade. She also won the caucuses in American Samoa.

Obama won Connecticut, Georgia, Alabama, Delaware, Utah and his home state of Illinois. He prevailed in caucuses in North Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Idaho, Alaska and Colorado. His Missouri victory was so close in the vote total that there was no telling whether he or Clinton would end up with a majority of the state's 72 delegates.

Clinton had a 117-vote lead in New Mexico when the party shut its vote counting operation until this morning.

The allocation of delegates lagged the vote count by hours. That was particularly true for the Democrats, who divided theirs roughly in proportion to the popular vote.

Nine of the Republican contests were winner take all, and that was where McCain piled up his lead.

Alabama and Georgia gave Obama three straight Southern triumphs. Like last month's win in South Carolina, they were powered by black votes.

Democrats and Republicans alike said the economy was their most important issue. Democrats said the war in Iraq ranked second and health care third. Republican primary voters said immigration was second most important after the economy, followed by the war in Iraq.

The survey was conducted in 16 states by Edison Media Research and Mitofsky International for The Associated Press and television networks.

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Valley briefs

3 area residents arrested for drugs

Three North Charleroi residents were arrested after police raided their home late Tuesday.

Charles Evans, 22, Shannon Whitfield, 20, and Jason Evans, 18, all of 536 Conrad Ave., were each charged with former convict not to own a firearm, firearms not to be carried without a license, possession of a controlled substance, manufacture of a controlled substance, possession with intent to deliver a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia, North Charleroi police reported.

According to an affidavit of probable cause, police responded to a complaint about a man knocking on doors in the 500 block of Conrad Avenue.

When police went to 536 Conrad Ave., Charles Evans answered the door. Police said they observed a water pipe in the background and smelled a strong odor of suspected marijuana.

Serving a search warrant at the residence, police said they found 258 packets of heroin, 24 large bags of marijuana, $2,861 in cash, a loaded .38 caliber revolver under the couch in the residence, two safes and various drug paraphernalia.

Nursing home aide guilty of rape

A handyman for an Elizabeth Township nursing home pleaded guilty Tuesday to raping an elderly woman, which eventually contributed to her death.

Dwight Hill, 48, was sentenced to 30 to 60 years in prison after pleading guilty to third-degree murder in the death of a 79-year-old woman who suffered from dementia and was a resident of Scenery Heights Personal Care Home.

Assistant District Attorney Lisa Pellegrini told Allegheny County Judge Donald E. Machen that Hill was permitted to stay in the home by the owners in exchange for doing odd jobs.

An employee of the facility walked in on Hill after he had raped the woman on Aug. 14, 2004, Pellegrini said.

The woman died a week later.

Cops tossed notes in Regola case

While attorneys for state Sen. Bob Regola maintain the destruction of original notes taken by state police after the 2006 death of his teenage neighbor would be instrumental in his defense of perjury charges, police officials say the practice is common.

"There's really nothing to be gained with retaining those notes. Once you transpose handwritten notes into a typewritten police report, you throw away the original notes. ...That's been my experience," said Plum police Chief Frank Monaco, a 32-year state police veteran who retired last August as commander for 15 Southwestern Pennsylvania counties.

"The courts have consistently upheld the practice," Monaco added.

Regola, 45, is accused of perjury, reckless endangerment and a gun offense for allegedly allowing his teenage son, Robert "Bobby" Regola IV, access to a gun and lying about it.

He's seeking a second four-year term in the Senate.

Posing with "boss" Jimmy Durante backstage at the Twin Coaches are his "dolls" - Marijo Chunkala, standing on his left, and Rosemary Yarsunas, who was also from the Mon Valley, on his right. Seated in front are Trudy Carson, of Donora, left, and Gail Lynn Forbes, right, also a Mon Valley resident. The two faces behind Durante are unnamed, but Marijo thought they were from Pittsburgh.

Her 'dancing days' involved Durante

Emma Jene **LELIK**

She speaks nonchalantly about her "dancing days," but Marijo Chunkala Day made plenty of headlines during her career in the late 1950s.

Perhaps the proudest moment for the Rostraver Township resident was when she was chosen as a member of Jimmy Durante's troupe.

Called "Jimmy Durante and His All Star Revue," the group opened with Day at the Twin Coaches April 3-11, 1959.

A newspaper ad announcing the show revealed Sonny King, Johnny Mack, Sally Davis, Jack Roth, Jules Buffano, Betty Summers and the Durante Dolls would be featured along with Frankie Barr's orchestra and Jess Wilson as master of ceremonies. There would be two shows nightly.

That engagement was preceded by such personalities as Marty Allen, the Petticoats and The Platters and followed by Guy Lombardo, The Kingston Trio, Xavier Cugat, Johnny Mathis and The Four Freshman.

"Jimmy called us "Durante's Dolls' and, after we closed at the Twin Coaches, he flew us to Chicago for a show at the Conrad Hilton Hotel where we also stayed," Day recalled.

"I was only 18 and that was a thrill for me to be in such a big city without my family," she continued.

The daughter of Joe and Mary Chunkala, of Johnston Hill, Pricedale, her mother kept a watchful eye on her activities after enrolling her in Erni's Dancing Classes in Monessen when she was 9.

After six years with Erni, she went on to continue professional training in Pittsburgh, where she also had a taste of modeling and theatre acting.

Before dancing with Durante, she performed at many veterans hospitals, amusement parks, variety shows, fairs and supper clubs in the tri-state area. Many times she was featured with top recording artists and television personalities.

Day was a member of the American Guild of Variety Artists during her professional career.

After she eloped with her high school sweetheart, David Day, on Jan. 11, 1960, she continued dancing for a short time with Zoise Baer of Charleroi.

The Days have two sons - no daughters.

But Marijo is watching the progress of their two granddaughters, Jessica, 9, and Hannah, 8, who are students at the Rostraver Dance Academy.

Prosecutor say Wecht gave top priority to private work

He claims neighboring counties were able to get the former coroner to do something Allegheny County could not - perform autopsies.

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A federal prosecutor said Tuesday that neighboring counties were able to get Dr. Cyril H. Wecht to do something Allegheny County could not: perform autopsies.

"Outlying counties can get him to perform autopsies if they pay him, but Allegheny County pays him and he doesn't do any autopsies," Assistant U.S. Attorney James Wilson said while questioning a former county neuropathologist.

Dr. Bennett Omalu, the only witness on Day 6 of Wecht's public corruption trial, simply laughed. In earlier testimony, he said he never saw Wecht perform an autopsy on a coroner's office case.

"But he was the coroner," Omalu said. "He wasn't the forensic pathologist in the office. The coroner was not bound by law to do (autopsies)."

Omalu spent nearly two days testifying about how he and other employees at the former coroner's office worked on Wecht's private cases at the morgue. He said Wecht once told him to have a brain from a private case delivered to the morgue so Omalu could dissect it immediately.

Dr. Cyril H. Wecht

Tax records show Wecht paid Omalu more than $140,000 for work on private cases between 2000 and 2004.

Wecht, 76, of Squirrel Hill faces 41 counts of fraud and theft related to allegations he used his public office for private gain.

Wilson got Omalu, 39, to acknowledge that other counties could have consulted with and directly paid the coroner's office for cases, instead of using Wecht as a private forensic pathology consultant.

But during questioning by defense attorney Jerry McDevitt, Omalu said the other counties preferred Wecht's expertise.

"He's an institution by himself, much bigger than the coroner's office," said Omalu, a Nigerian native who is the chief medical examiner in San Joaquin County, Calif.

After news broke in 2005 of the federal investigation into Wecht, Omalu said then-chief histologist George Hollis came to his office distraught.

Omalu said Hollis told him he wasn't going to "tell on the old man," referring to Wecht.

"You don't need to cover anybody, including yourself," Omalu said he told Hollis, repeating advice he'd gotten from a spiritual adviser. "Stand by the truth. Cover yourself with the truth."

Hollis, 61, of Hazelwood pleaded guilty in January 2007 to a theft charge, failure to file a tax return and making false statements. He agreed to cooperate with prosecutors, and is expected to testify.

Omalu published a report in the journal Neurosurgery about the late Steelers Hall-of-Famer Mike Webster, whose 2002 death Omalu linked to postconcussive brain dysfunction.

A documentary soon will air on the Canadian Broadcast Corp. that features Omalu and his recent discovery of a new disease.

Unlike Wecht, a renowned scientist who makes frequent national television appearances, Omalu said notoriety brings bad things such as meanness and rancor from others.

"I really wish I'd never touched Mike Webster's brain," Omalu testified.

He said once the trial ends, he hopes to rekindle his friendship with Wecht, whom he compared to an adopted father.

"What I am today, Dr. Wecht made me," Omalu testified. "I am not here today to get back at Dr. Wecht."

The trial resumed this morning before U.S. District Judge Arthur J. Schwab.

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GNOTH — Martha E. Gnoth, of Charleroi, on Sunday, Feb. 3. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.*

HOLLOWOOD — John T. Hollowood Sr., 79, of Waynesburg, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Mariscotti Funeral Home, California.*

MAMIE — Mary D. Mamie, 92, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Monongahela, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Frye Funeral Home Inc., Monongahela.*

McBRIDE — Michael McBride Sr., of Charleroi, on Tuesday, Feb. 5. Schrock-Hogan Funeral Home and Cremation Services Inc., Charleroi.

RAMSEY — John E. Ramsey, of Jefferson Township, on Wednesday, Feb. 6. Eley/McCrory Funeral Home Inc., Fayette City.

STRENNEN — James Strennen, 76, of Scenery Hill, on Monday, Feb. 4. Rhome Funeral Home Inc., Monessen.*

PREVIOUS DEATHS:
ALFIDI, Tony*
HUHN, Ross C.*
KUSMIRAK, Ann M.*
MARTUCCI, Pasquale "Patsy"*
THOMAS, Frank M.*
*** See death notice**

Tony Alfidi
Sacramento, Calif.

Tony Alfidi was the last of five children born to Italian immigrants, Amalia and Antonio Alfidi. He was born in the family home in Manown, Pa., on December 31, 1934. Tony graduated from Monongahela High School in 1953 and the School of Engineering at the University of Pittsburgh in Pennsylvania in 1959. In 1958, he became a member of the auxiliary police in Monongahela and, following graduation in 1959, entered the U.S. Air Force as an Air Transportation Officer, serving his country in Korea and Vietnam. He achieved the rank of Captain before he was discharged in 1962. Tony moved to California to accept a position with the State of California Department of Water Resources to assist in the start-up and operational testing of all units in the Oroville and Thermalito power plants. In December 1969 he was an Assistant Mechanical Engineer assigned to the Department of Water Resources in Palmdale, Calif., remaining in Palmdale until 1972. During his tenure with the Department of Water Resources, he prepared field testing procedures for mechanical equipment in the Pearblossom and Oso pumping plants, Devil Canyon Power Plant, Cedar Springs Dam Outlet Works and San Bernardino Intake. He provided valuable design support during the Impeller Replacement Program for six major pumping plants and for the preparation of the design engineer's criteria for Banks Pumping Plant. Tony met Barbara Brigante through the Sons of Italy in 1972, and they were married May 6, 1972. They started their family immediately and raised three sons. The Order Sons of Italy continued to play an important role in Tony's life. He was president and financial secretary of Sacramento Lodge No. 1352. Tony retired from the State of California in 1997 after 34 years of service to the Department of Water Resources. Tony and Barbara were active parishioners in St. Mary's Catholic Church for more than 30 years, where Tony became a Eucharistic minister in 1997 and a lector in 2001. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; three sons, Tony James, Michael and Joseph; one daughter-in-law, Millicent; one grandson, Jacob; and one sister, Marie. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two sisters, Antoinette and Filomena; and an infant brother, James. The family wishes to express their thanks to all the doctors, nurses and caregivers at Mercy Hospital, Kaiser-Morse Hospital and Eskaton Care Center on Fair Oaks Boulevard and Kaiser Roseville Hospital for the exceptional care they provided to him. Friends will be received Wednesday, Feb. 6, and Thursday, Feb. 7, from 4 to 7 p.m. and are invited to attend a Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Thursday at NICOLETTI, CULJIS & HERBERGER FUNERAL HOME, 5401 Folsom Blvd., Sacramento, Calif. 95819 (916-451-7284). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 8, at noon in St. Mary's Church, 58th and M streets, followed by Interment, with Military Honors, in St. Mary's Cemetery. Remembrances in Tony's name may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Mercy Heart Foundation.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Anastasia Ehko
Carroll Township

Anastasia Ehko, 85, of Carroll Township, died peacefully on Monday, February 4, 2008. She was born February 6, 1922, in Charleroi, a daughter of the late Frank and Anna Madzey Ruschak. She was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Charleroi and a former member of the ladies auxiliary and church choir. She was a loving and devoted wife and mother who loved to read and sing. Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Edward John Ehko; three children, Carole Mack and husband, Bob, of North Versailles, Edward Ehko Jr. and wife, Linda, of Bedford, and Gayle Hamilton and husband, Mark, of Greensburg; five grandchildren, Brad Sigut and wife, Karilynn, Amy Ervin and husband, Grant, Duane Ehko, and Andrew and Anthony Hamilton; four great-grandchildren, Brady, Morgan and Bryce Sigut, and Marley Ervin; and two sisters, Mary Demsey, of Oakmont, and Olga Campbell, of Beaver. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother and sister, John Ruschak and Ann Bell. Friends will be received in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., 825 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi, on Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be held Friday, February 8, at 11 a.m. in the funeral home with the Rev. Frank Zeman of St. John's Lutheran Church, officiating. Interment will be in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora. On-line condolences will be accepted for the family at www.melenyzerfuneralhomes.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Martha E. Gnoth
Charleroi

Martha E. Gnoth, 78, of Charleroi, died Sunday, February 3, 2008, in Mon Valley Hospital. She was retired from Mon Valley Hospital and is survived by her daughter, Betsy Norkus; three grandchildren, Alicia, Jeffrey and Haley Norkus; two brothers, Edward J. and Walter Gnoth; one sister, Betty Gnoth; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be private. The SCHROCK-HOGAN FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES INC., Charleroi, is in charge of the arrangements.

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

John T. Hollowood Sr.
Waynesburg

John Thomas "Tom" Hollowood Sr., 79, of Waynesburg, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008. He was born Tuesday, December 11, 1928, in California, Pa., a son of the late Edward Elijah Hollowood and Sarah E. Quick Hollowood. He was a member of the Harvey Grange No. 144 of Greene County, Waynesburg Lions Club, and the Elks Lodge No. 776 in Washington. Tom was previously a scout master for Boy Scout Troop 410 of California. In addition to his parents, Tom was preceded in death by two sisters, Sylvia "Honey" Campbell and Dorothy Underwood. Left to cherish his memory is his wife, Betty J. Waychoff Hollowood; three children and five stepchildren, Tom Hollowood Jr. and wife, Jenny, of Eighty Four, Mark Hollowood and wife, Sue, of California; Kurt Hollowood, of Sebastian, Fla., Eydie Baker and husband, Dave, of Waynesburg, Deb Ostrich and husband, Ray, of Jefferson, Linda Keller and husband, Rick, of Waynesburg, Boyd Waychoff and wife, Martha, of Schwenksville, and Jayme Bedilion and husband, Les, of Waynesburg; the mother of his sons, Mary Letrick Hollowood; three grandchildren, Heath Hollowood and wife, Alyson, Lindsay Hull and husband, David, and Mike Hollowood and special friend, Tiffany Miske; 11 step-grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren; and one brother, Edwin Hollowood, of Waynesburg. Friends will be received in the MARISCOTTI FUNERAL HOME INC., Anthony N. Mariscotti, Supervisor, 323 Fourth St., California (724-938-2210), on Wednesday and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m., and until 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 8, when services will be held in the funeral home with the Rev. Jerrad Peterman and the Rev. Emeritus David Lindburg, co-officiating. Interment will follow in Bridgeport Cemetery, Brownsville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to: California Volunteer Fire Department, P.O. Box 578, California, Pa. 15419; or, Hospice of The Washington Hospital, 10 Leet St., Washington, Pa. 15301.

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James Strennen
Scenery Hill

James Strennen, 76, of Scenery Hill, Pa., died Monday, February 4, 2008, in The Washington Hospital, Washington, Pa. Jim was born March 20, 1931, in Sunnyside, Pa., the son of Stephen and Gladys Beadling Strennen. He has lived in the Mon Valley area all his life and made a home with his family in Scenery Hill since 1965. He was a dedicated teacher for thirty-three years in the Trinity Area School District, starting as an elementary math and science teacher. In addition to those duties, Jim also taught in the pilot Adult Basic Education program for Trinity for twenty-five years - a program which aided people in obtaining a GED. His devotion to educating and nurturing his students was always observed by the extra care he put into the personal attention he gave everyone. Jim was a devoted husband to Joanne Greene Strennen for 39 years (married in Winchester, Va., in 1952). He and the family supported each other when she died of a failed heart transplant at the age of 59. He never remarried and always carried her memory with him. James was a loving father to six children and grandfather of nine: Judith Monosky (husband Keith), of Oak Hill, Va., Jay Strennen (wife Kathy), of Modena, N.Y., Jody Strennen (wife Wanda, and children Chad and Cory), of Scenery Hill; Joni Strennen (and children, Richard Pierce, Jennifer Gizoni and Douglas Schwenker), of York, Pa., James Strennen (wife Donna, and children, Matthew and Samantha), of Canonsburg, Pa., and Jerry Strennen (wife Lorie, and children, Abigail and Zachary), of McMurray, Pa. There also are four great-grandchildren. He was also a surrogate father to the Robert Ashbaugh family, of Belle Vernon, Pa. Family and friends will be received Thursday, February 7, from 6 to 8 p.m. and Friday, February 8, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the RHOME FUNERAL HOME INC., 1209 Grand Blvd., Monessen, Pa. In lieu of flowers and in honor of Jim's sincere commitment to education, the family suggests donations be made to: The Homeless Children's Education Fund, HCEF, 2100 Smallman St., 2nd Floor, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15222. This is a registered not-for-profit organization which helps homeless children in Allegheny County (also United Way GCEF is Contributor's Choice #963315). Jim was a faithful member and Sunday school teacher for over 35 years. He will be remembered during a funeral service at his church, the Belle Vernon Church of the Nazarene with Pastor J.E. Mitchell presiding. The service will be held Saturday, February 9, at 11 a.m. with interment directly following in Monongahela Cemetery. Family and friends are invited to gather at the church for a luncheon following the services. He leaves behind a family that will cherish his memory forever.

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Ross C. Huhn
Stockdale

Ross C. Huhn, 86, of Stockdale, died peacefully on Sunday, February 3, 2008, after a lengthy illness. He was born January 26, 1922, in Elco, a son of the late Kurt and Hilda Binkney Huhn Harper. He retired from Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel, Allenport plant after many years in the millwright department. Mr. Huhn was a Pearl Harbor survivor, serving with the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1945 with Battery B, 63rd Field Artillery Battalion, stationed in Hawaii. He received six Bronze Stars and other medals. He was a member of Roscoe American Legion Post 801. Survivors include three children, Janice (Robert) Lindsay, of Grand Ledge, Mich., Carol Robinson, of Stockdale, and Eric Huhn, of King of Prussia; three grandchildren, Stacy (Ken) Barry, Trisha (Michael) Boughton and Kari (Robert) Mazzaferro; and three great-grandchildren, Aaron Boughton, Alekzander Mazzaferro and Tanner Barry. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Alfhild "Kay" Huhn, on August 6, 2007; and two sisters, Gloria Krivacek and Wilma Ross. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday in the ED MELENYZER FUNERAL HOMES INC., Roscoe. The funeral home doors will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday. American Legion services will be held Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the funeral home. A funeral service will be held Thursday, Feb. 7, at 10:30 a.m. in the funeral home with Pastor Randy Landerman of Grace United Methodist Church officiating. Interment will follow in Mon Valley Memorial Park, Donora.

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Ann M. Kusmirak
Donora

Ann M. Kusmirak, 86, of Donora, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 4, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital, Carroll Township. A lifelong resident of Donora, Ann was the daughter of the late Stanley and Appolonia Rzyner Sura. She was born July 21, 1921, in the family home in Donora, where she lived her entire life. Ann was the youngest of seven children and, with six older brothers, became a sports enthusiast at an early age. She was a huge baseball fan. Usually a quiet person, Ann was never more animated than when she was watching her beloved Pittsburgh Pirates and continued to attend Pirates games well into her 70s. She worked as a floor manager at the G.C. Murphy store in Donora and for the Herald American and Daily Independent newspapers in the advertising department. Her other favorite pastimes included playing bingo and buying lottery tickets. She enjoyed numerous family vacations, especially her trips to Atlantic City and Las Vegas. An animal lover, Ann adored her "grand-dogs", Mindy, Bear, Shadow, Angel and Katrina. A devout Catholic, she was a member of Our Lady of the Valley Parish in Donora. She was the parish housekeeper at the St. Dominic worship site for decades until her recent retirement and is fondly remembered as a wonderful cook and devoted worker by the many priests who served the parish. Ann also was a member of the Our Lady of the Valley Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Frank Kusmirak, in April 1977; and her brothers, Joseph, Walter "Waddy", Andrew, Michael, Charles and John Sura. She is survived by one son, William Kusmirak and wife, Patty, of Belle Vernon (Lynnwood); one daughter, Nancy Grimes and husband, Walter "Terry", of Donora; three grandsons, William Kusmirak, of Lynnwood; Robert Grimes, of Donora, and fiancee, Sue DeBiasio, of Oakdale; and Frank Grimes and wife, Lynn, of Rostraver Township; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends will be received Wednesday from 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the PAUL MACIK FUNERAL HOME, 546 Thompson Ave., Donora (724-379-7000), where prayers will be recited on Friday, February 8, at 10 a.m., followed by a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Dominic Church at 10:30 a.m. with the Rev. Michael Yaksick as celebrant. Interment will follow in St. Dominic Cemetery, Donora. The rosary will be recited Thursday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home.

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Mary D. Mamie
Pittsburgh Formerly of Monongahela

Mary D. Mamie, 92, of Pittsburgh, formerly of Monongahela, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Country Meadows, Bridgeville. She was born October 4, 1915, in Manown, a daughter of the late Theodore and Theodora D'Andrea Crocenzi. She was a member of St. Anthonys Church in Monongahela. Mrs. Mamie adored and loved spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She is survived by one daughter, Constance Vlah and husband, Robert, of Pittsburgh; two sons, Albert Mamie and wife, Cheryl, of Jefferson Hills, and Ronald Mamie and wife, Charee, of Coppell, Texas; seven grandchildren, Robert and Patricia Vlah, Richard and Melanie Vlah, Diana and Michael Jones, Michelle Mamie, Christine and Larry Krutules, Renee and Donnie Fulton, and Natalie Mamie; and 13 great-grandchildren. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Mamie, in 1988; a son, Anthony Fair; six brothers, John, Anthony, William, the Rev. George, Theodore Crocenzi and a brother who died in infancy; and a sister, Lucy Crocenzi. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 9 p.m. in the FRYE FUNERAL HOME INC., 427 West Main St., Monongahela (724-258-6136). A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Friday, Feb. 8, at 10 a.m. in St. Anthonys Church with the Rev. Joseph Feltz, pastor, as celebrant. Committal services and interment will follow in Sacred Heart Cemetery, Carroll Township. Memorial contributions may be made to: St. Anthonys Memorial Fund, 225 Park Ave., Monongahela, Pa. 15063.

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Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair, perhaps you sent a floral spray
if so, we saw it there.
Perhaps you sent a gift of food or let us use your car, perhaps it was a call you made from nearby or afar.
Perhaps you spoke the kindest word as any friend could say, perhaps you were not there at all or just thought of us that day. Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much, whatever the part.
A special thanks to
Rev. Christina Ingold,
St. Pauls Evangelical Luthern Church of Monessen,
Rhome Funeral Home,
and all those who helped in any way to lessen our sorrow in our bereavement after the death of our beloved mother, grandmother & sister.
The Family Of
Betty M. Hartung

CORRECTIONS/ CLARIFICATIONS

Cake ingredient correction

An incorrect ingredient was given in the "Taste and See" Cookbook compiled by the Sisterhood of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Orthodox Church, Monessen. On Page 25 in the Hummingbird Cake recipe, the recipe should have read 1 teaspoon baking soda, not baking power.

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NEWS

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Ash Wednesday, Feb. 6, the 37th day of 2008. There are 329 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight

On Feb. 6, 1911, Ronald Wilson Reagan, the 40th president of the United States, was born in Tampico, Ill.

On this date:

■ In 1756, America's third vice president, Aaron Burr, was born in Newark, N.J.

■ In 1778, the United States won official recognition from France with the signing of a Treaty of Alliance in Paris.

■ In 1788, Massachusetts became the sixth state to ratify the U.S. Constitution.

■ In 1899, a peace treaty between the United States and Spain was ratified by the U.S. Senate.

■ In 1933, the 20th Amendment to the Constitution, the so-called "lame duck" amendment, was proclaimed in effect by Secretary of State Henry Stimson.

■ In 1952, Britain's King George VI died; he was succeeded by his daughter, Elizabeth II.

■ In 1959, the United States successfully test-fired for the first time a Titan intercontinental ballistic missile from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

■ In 1978, Muriel Humphrey took the oath of office as a U.S. senator from Minnesota, filling the seat of her late husband, former Vice President Hubert Humphrey.

■ In 1992, 16 people were killed when a C-130 military transport plane crashed in Evansville, Ind.

■ In 1996, a Turkish-owned Boeing 757 jetliner crashed into the Atlantic Ocean shortly after takeoff from the Dominican Republic, killing 189 people, mostly German tourists.

■ **Ten years ago**: President Bill Clinton and British Prime Minister Tony Blair redoubled their pledge to use military force against Iraq, if necessary, during a joint news conference in which the subject of former White House intern Monica Lewinsky came up and Clinton said he would "never" resign. n

■ **Five years ago**: Edging closer to war, President Bush declared "the game is over" for Saddam Hussein and urged skeptical allies to join in disarming Iraq. ABC's "20/20" aired a British documentary on Michael Jackson in which the singer revealed he sometimes let children sleep in his bed.

■ **One year ago**: Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki complained that the long-awaited Baghdad security operation was off to a slow start, but he also reassured Iraqis that security forces would live up to their responsibilities. Singer Frankie Laine died in San Diego at age 93.

DEATH NOTICES

Pasquale S. 'Patsy' Martucci

Monessen

Pasquale S. "Patsy" Martucci, 74, of Monessen, died Tuesday, February 5, 2008, in Monongahela Valley Hospital Inc. He was born in Monessen on September 25, 1933, the son of the late Alfano and Rose Petrancosta Martucci. He was a lifelong resident of Monessen, a 1951 graduate of Monessen High School, and received his bachelor's and master's degrees in Music/Music Education from Duquesne University. He was a retired teacher and music director from the Chartiers Valley School District. Patsy was a founding member of the Italian Orchestra, having played his accordion at Italian festivals throughout southwestern Pennsylvania. Following retirement, he worked as an attendant at the Raymond D. Dalfonso Funeral Home and the Dalfonso-Billick Funeral Home Inc. Patsy was a member of Epiphany of Our Lord Roman Catholic Church and its Holy Name Society, having been named Father of the Year in 2003. He served as choir director at the church until 2001. He was a member and past secretary of the Monessen Lions Club, having received the Pennsylvania Foundation Fellow Award in 2002. Mr. Martucci also was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council 954 in Monessen and the Alpha Phi Delta Fraternity, Psi Chapter. Patsy served his country during peacetime with the U.S. Army in Germany, becoming a member of the Army Band. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Claudia Pantaleo Martucci; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carmela and Dan Coldren, of Perryopolis, and Anita and Konstantin Aronov, of Philadelphia; two grandchildren, Gina and Dominic Coldren; one sister, Rosalie Pilliterri, of Pittsburgh; one brother-in-law, Richard Pantaleo and wife, Pamela, of Monongahela; five nieces and nephews, Christopher Pilliterri, Juliette Courtney and husband, William, and Katherine, Regina and Richard Pantaleo; and one great-niece and nephew, Christina and William Courtney. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the DALFONSO-BILLICK FUNERAL HOME INC. and CREMATION SERVICES, 441 Reed Ave., Monessen (724-684-8750). Services will be held Friday, Feb. 8, beginning with a 9:30 a.m. Blessing in the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Funeral Mass in Epiphany of Our Lord R.C. Church. Interment will follow in St. Hyacinth Cemetery, Monessen. Members of the Monessen Lions Club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p.m., and the Knights of Columbus Council 954, at 8 p.m., in the funeral home, to pay their respects. Condolences accepted for the family at www.dalfonso-billick.com

Family and friends are invited to sign the online guest book at www.valleyindependent.com.

Frank M. Thomas

North Hills

Frank M. Thomas, 89, died Sunday, Feb. 3, 2008. He was married to Ann (Jurjevic) for 62 years. He was born in Monessen and lived in the North Hills. Frank was a founder of P&T Foodland, which for many years was one of the largest independently-owned supermarkets in the Pittsburgh area. Frank was proud of his Croatian heritage and was known for his love of Croatian music and culture. These interests served him well, as he met Ann at a Croatian club, Javor Hall, on Pittsburgh's North Side. After retiring from the supermarket business, Frank turned his attention to genealogy. Numerous trips to the villages and churches of Croatia led him to uncover records useful in tracing the histories of families whose ancestors had emigrated to America. Much of his research occurred during the years when Croatia was under communist rule. Thus, he often faced the twin obstacles of a government reluctant to grant westerners access to official records and of citizens afraid to disclose family details while living under a dictatorship. Invariably, Frank found creative ways around these obstacles, often to the amazement of his friends in both America and Croatia. Frank was a World War II veteran, serving in North Africa and Italy. He rose to the rank of an Army sergeant based upon his radio communications skills. While on active duty, he would tell his Army buddies that his future wife was busy welding boats at the Dravo Shipyards to bring them all home at the war's end. He married Ann two months after returning home on a Thanksgiving Day. As fate would have it, he also celebrated his last anniversary with her on Thanksgiving this year. Frank, a graduate of Charleroi High School, was a fervent believer in the value of education and was fond of noting that he never missed one day of school. In addition to his wife, Frank is survived by his children, Frank Jr., Patricia, Ronald, Kathleen and Shirley; as well as six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Friends will be received from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday at H.P. BRANDT FUNERAL HOME, 1032 Perry Highway. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 12:30 p.m. Thursday at St. Alexis Church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Nicholas Croatian Church, 24 Maryland Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15209 or C.P.U. Croatian Scholarship Fund (c/o CFU, 100 Delay Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235.

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THE WORLD BRIEFLY

McCain leads delegate count

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain won a commanding victory in the Republican delegate race over Mitt Romney on Super Tuesday. Sen. Barack Obama, trailing much of the night, nearly pulled even with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton in the contest for Democratic delegates.

McCain won 511 delegates to 176 for Romney and 147 for former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee in incomplete results. A total of 1,023 delegates were up for grabs in 21 states.

Overall, McCain led with 613 delegates, to 269 for Romney and 190 for Huckabee. It takes 1,191 to win the nomination at this summer's convention in St. Paul, Minn.

Clinton led with 584 delegates to Obama's 563. A total of 1,681 delegates were at stake in 22 states and American Samoa.

Overall, that gave Clinton 845 delegates, to 765 for Obama, with 2,025 delegates required to claim the nomination in Denver at this summer's convention.

27 dead as storms rip across South

ATKINS, Ark. (AP) — Authorities went door-to-door trying to find additional victims of tornadoes that killed at least 27 people, ripped the roof off a shopping mall and blew apart warehouses as they tore across four states.

The dead included 13 people in Tennessee, 11 in Arkansas, and a mother and father who died in Kentucky with their adult daughter. Those killed in Arkansas included another set of parents, who died with their 11-year-old in Atkins, about 60 miles northwest of Little Rock.

The family died from trauma when the storm their home "took a direct hit" from the storm, Pope County Coroner Leonard Krout said.

"Neighbors and friends who were there said, 'There used to be a home there,'" Krout said.

The twisters, which also slammed Mississippi, were part of a line of storms that raged across the nation's midsection at the end of the Super Tuesday primaries in several states. As the extent of the damage quickly became clear, candidates including Hillary Rodham Clinton, Barack Obama and Mike Huckabee paused in their victory speeches to remember the victims.

Top officer: U.S. forces 'stressed'

WASHINGTON (AP) — The military's top uniformed officer says U.S. forces are "significantly stressed" by fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan while simultaneously trying to stem the tide of violent extremism elsewhere.

"The pace of ongoing operations has prevented our forces from fully training for the full spectrum of operations and impacts our ability to be ready to counter future threats," Adm. Michael Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in testimony prepared for delivery today.

Mullen's stern warnings are likely to become welcome political fodder for anti-war Democrats, who want legislation requiring that troops spend more time at home between combat tours. Last year's efforts to pass such a bill failed after intense lobbying by Defense Secretary Robert Gates, who says it would do more harm than good and tie the hands of military commanders.

Mullen and Gates were to testify Wednesday in separate hearings of the House and Senate Armed Services committees. Copies of their prepared remarks were obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

In their testimony, Gates and Mullen ask Congress to support a $588.3 billion request for defense spending in the 2009 budget year, which begins Oct. 1.

'PENNSYLVANIA CASH 5'

'Cash 5' jackpot at least $225,000

HARRISBURG, Pa. (AP) — Today's "Pennsylvania Cash 5" jackpot will be worth at least $225,000 because no player matched the five winning numbers drawn in Tuesday's game.

Lottery officials said 90 players matched four numbers and won $212 each; 3,138 players matched three numbers and won $10 each; and 39,566 players matched two numbers and won $1 each.

The Valley Independent LOTTERY RESULTS

PENNSYLVANIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

DAY PICK 3:	9-8-1
NIGHT PICK 3:	7-5-4
DAY PICK BIG 4:	1-3-8-1
NIGHT PICK BIG 4:	8-6-8-1
TREASURE HUNT:	7-8-19-23-26
CASH 5:	1-12-23-25-40
MATCH 6:	1-6-24-41-45-49

OHIO DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

DAY PICK 3:	2-0-2
NIGHT PICK 3:	9-2-1
DAY PICK 4:	8-3-8-1
NIGHT PICK 4:	9-6-2-5
ROLLING CASH 5:	3-8-17-20-35

WEST VIRGINIA DAILY NUMBERS

TUESDAY, FEB. 5

DAILY 3:	8-0-9
DAILY 4:	5-4-5-8
CASH 25:	5-9-14-15-16-24

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OUR OPINION

AEDs can be life savers

AS INVENTIONS GO, the Automated External Defibrillator is not exactly the light bulb.

But that's only because – unlike the incandescent light bulb fashioned by Thomas Edison – it is unlikely AEDs will someday become a part of every household. It would be nice, though, if the lifesaving devices could become the next "chick-

The debt bomb

Charley **REESE**

One of the older books on my shelves is "A Short History of the United States" by John Spencer Bassett, a professor at Smith College, and revised by his son, Richard Bassett. It was published in 1938.

It is interesting to note what the book had to say about the causes of the Great Depression, which began with the stock-market collapse in 1929:

"The accumulation of debt throughout the country, in farm districts and city districts, in private enterprise and in local governments had grown larger than the national income could endure. Farmers had mortgaged their farms, wage earners had bought on the installment plan, small and large investors had borrowed to speculate, companies had borrowed to expand, railroads had a long heritage of debt.

The boom psychology — and credits to foreign buyers — had sustained this edifice for a few years but when it crumbled at one point the interdependence of the parts caused the rest to follow."

Some years ago, I went into my newspaper's morgue and dug out the microfilm of the papers published in October 1929 and read them page by page. There was not a hint of the coming crash, but there were several statements identical to those we often hear today — to wit, "The economy is fundamentally sound." Every time I hear a politician say that, I

tions for such entitlement programs as Social Security and Medicare. Corporate and private debt is also in the trillions.

Another oddity of our situation is that despite all this debt, which represents claims against future income for past expenditures, many governments are complaining that they don't have enough money to repair infrastructure and to meet their program needs. Where, then, did all the money go?

I don't know if we're heading for another depression or not. I do know you cannot count on the big banks and the Wall Street insiders to tell you the truth. Or the national government, for that matter. I do know there is too much debt, and it would behoove us to pay it off as quickly as we can. I do know that when you keep hearing people say the economy is fundamentally sound, it's

China and Japan. Today, Europe, Russia, China and India, to name just four, are tough economic competitors. We're dependent on oil imports. Our currency is losing its value. We continue to bleed manufacturing jobs.

If for none other than economic reasons, we should get out of Afghanistan and Iraq and make doubly sure our current president doesn't get us into a war with Iran, something he's quite capable of doing. His warped mind continues to exaggerate the dangers we would face by ending our occupation of these countries. In my opinion, if we pulled out, we'd be safer, and so would the Iraqi people.

Americans had better insist on a national government that has America and its needs as its only priorities. Foreign wars, foreign aid, foreign military bases and other forms of foreign

BUSINESS

Duke's is dream come true for owners

Rodriguez brothers opened restaurant in Donora.

By CHARLENE COOPER
For The Valley Independent

The Davis family, from Belle Vernon, dines at Duke's Cafe in Donora. Clockwise from left are Casey, Braden, Linda, Katelynn, Jamie and Thomas.

"It has always been a dream of mine to open my own restaurant," said Duke Rodriguez, half owner and executive chef at Duke's Cafe in Donora.

Along with the help of his brother, Rick, that dream came true late last year.

Duke Rodriguez' dream is located at 506 McKean Ave. in Donora.

After graduating from Donora High School in 1977, Duke Rodriguez attended Culinary Institute of America in High Park, N.Y., and received his associate chef's degree in 1980.

Prior to opening his own restaurant, Duke Rodriguez worked for several fine establishments, including a former four-star restaurant in Lake Tahoe as both executive and sauté chef.

Rick Rodriguez, half owner and manager, was formerly an auditor for the Internal Revenue Service. He said the biggest difference between his former and current occupations is the restaurant business is people oriented. He said people come to you, instead of you going to them. People are also happier to see you in the restaurant business he added.

"Helping my brother with his dream is the only reason I got into this," Rick Rodriguez said.

Duke's serves a variety of dishes, all made from scratch. Italian foods, seafood, pasta, steaks and veal are a few of the offerings. According to the brothers, the most popular dishes are the Chipper salad and the veal.

The Chipper salad is made of grilled vegetables with a choice of chicken or salmon on a bed of greens, topped with fresh thin-cut fried potatoes.

There are four different ways that the veal can be ordered: romano, ricotta, parmesan or marsala.

"He's the veal man," Rick Rodriguez said about his brother.

The steaks are all Del Monaco black angus, and are hand cut. There are three different ways that steaks can be ordered as well. Maria, named after the brother's grandmother, is a regular steak made with a mushroom sauce. Florence is pan fried in olive oil and Italian seasonings. It is served with peppers and mushrooms. Francisco is a Cajun rubbed steak topped with blue cheese.

Everything on the menu is available for take out. The brothers also do catering, both on and off premise.

The concept of their restaurant is to provide fine dining at moderate prices, Duke Rodriguez said.

"You get a big bang for your buck here," he added.

Jamie Davis, from Belle Vernon, along with her husband, Casey, her mother-in-law Linda, and children Thomas, age 1, Braden, age 3, and Katelynn, age 4, are regular customers of Duke's.

"We wouldn't come back if it wasn't good," Jamie Davis said.

Linda Davis said she also orders takeout from Duke's when she's at work and she loves the Chippers.

The family appreciates the fact that crayons and coloring books are provided for the children's entertainment.

Many people believe that Duke's is a much-needed addition to the community.

"It's a good place for the Donorian people," said Greg Bagay from Donora, a childhood friend of Rick Rodriguez' and a repeat customer. "They don't have to go far to have a good meal.".

Rick Ghilani, of Monongahela, comes to the restaurant about twice a week. He enjoys wings and beer in the afternoons and describes the veal as "phenomenal."

"Duke's is the best thing that happened to Donora since Ken Griffey Sr.," he said.

Doug Kennedy, a bartender and a customer at Duke's, said he enjoys the steaks that Duke cooks, calling them "awesome."

"People will either want to come to Duke's or not," he said. "If they don't, they're missing out. You can get beer anywhere, but you can't get a good home-cooked meal everywhere."

The owners also enjoy the food they serve. Duke Rodriguez said his favorite dish is the shrimp pasta because it is flavorful.

Rick Rodriguez said his favorite dish is the veal marsala because the veal is extremely tender and you can cut it with a fork. He also enjoys the marinara sauce.

Duke Rodriguez' dream finally came true after 20 years working for other people. He and his brother have many people to thank for their help, but really appreciate the support they received from their parents.

"This dream has definitely been made possible by our parents," Rick Rodriguez said. "Whatever they had to do to make our dream come true, they did," he added.

The brothers are often asked the question, "Why Donora?" To this they answer, "Why not?"

Handyman Matters gets Angie's List award

Handyman Matters has been awarded the prestigious and difficult-to-attain 2007 Angie's List Super Service Award.

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No more land in Westmoreland

Lack of space may push some new businesses to the Mid-Mon Valley.

By CHRIS BUCKLEY
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"There's more in Westmoreland," the county's slogan proclaims.

It is a sentiment that businesses have taken to heart – quickly grabbing up industrial park sites in the county.

The success of Westmoreland's business community has meant one "there" which might not be around much longer is a home for new business.

The northern part of the county is filling up fast, said Larry J. Larese, Executive Director of the Westmoreland County Industrial Development Corporation and Director of County Planning and Development. Larese said that section of the county is popular for Allegheny County companies seeking to cross the border and escape higher taxes.

With industrial park space running out in the northern part of the county, that could be good for the Mid-Mon Valley. It won't, however, mean immediate growth for a proposed park in Rostraver Township.

"We market to any location in the county, but they go where the space is," Larese said.

That includes 100 across South Huntingdon Township at the Smithton exit of Interstate 70 as well as 350 additional acres possible at Sony.

The Sony Technology Center is popular because of its proximity to the highway and the great utilities.

For example, Larese noted, an ethanol plant being proposed there for that reason.

There are 48-inch water lines on the site and gas service to three different companies as well as fiber optics and triple read electric service – service coming from three different directions.

The original companies that came to the Sony site were complementary to the electronic giant's production – such as glass and chemicals.

But that has changed. An example of the new tenants at the Sony Technology Center is ABB Inc., a manufacturer of power-generation equipment.

Then-U.S. Rep. Frank Mascara had a dream of building an industrial park center in Rostraver Township in the vicinity of the DeiCas Highway and the Arnold City exit of Interstate 70.

A federal grant obtained by Mascara funded a feasibility study of the proposed park.

Rostraver Township Commission Chairman Nick Lorenzo said it would take close to $50 million of infrastructure, especially road and bridge improvements before the industrial park could be constructed. Lorenzo said the project is "on the back burner."

Larese said the county has not received any new information from the township on the project in several years.

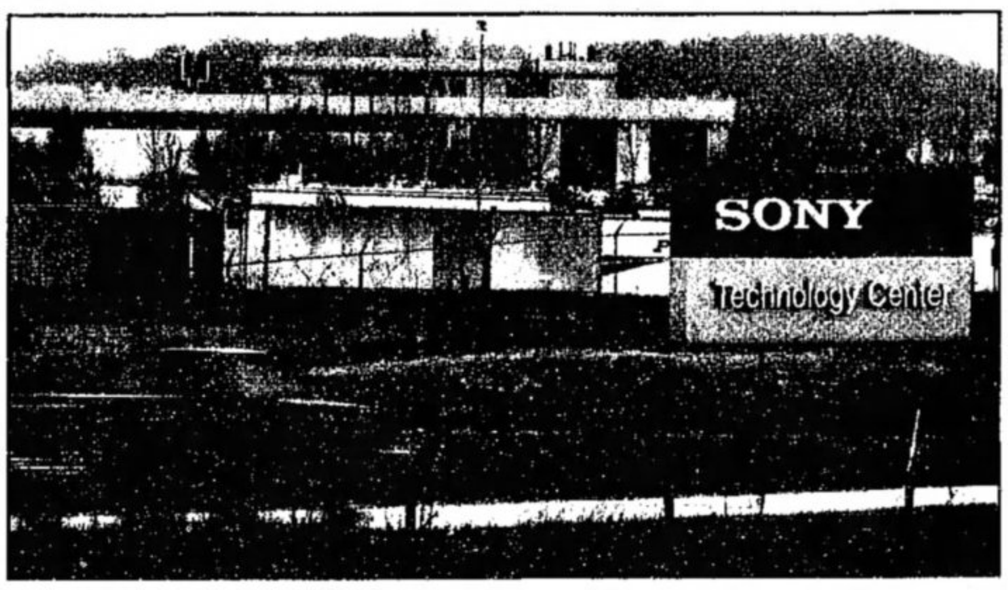
"Southpointe is what it is because of access to the airport," Larese said. "We do not have that here at Rostraver."

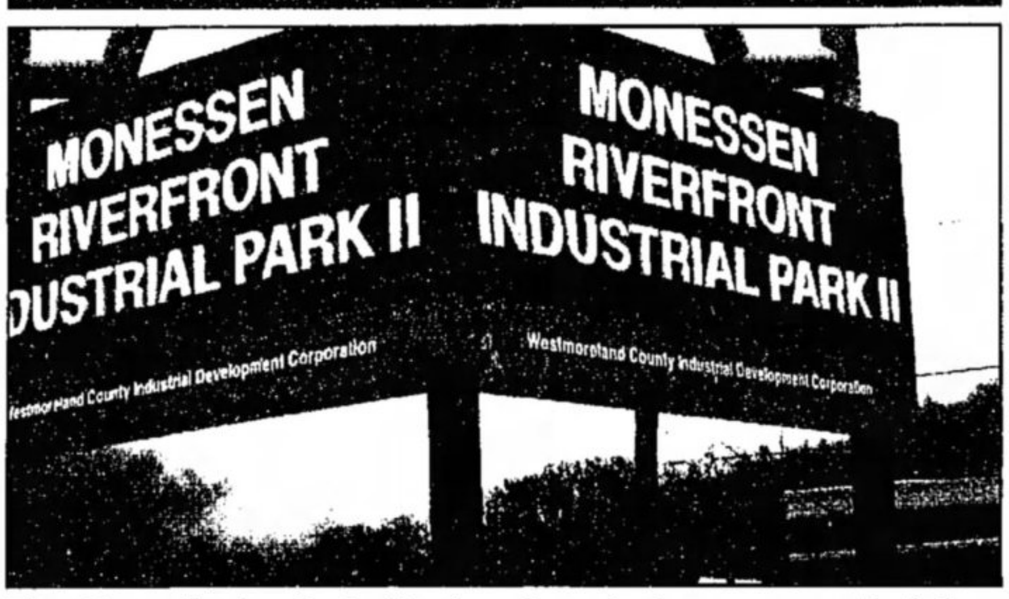
Lorenzo said, though, that the township could be primed to host industrial firms once the ongoing sewage expansion work is complete. He said there is open space available in such areas of the township as Vernon Drive as well as the Smith and Rankin farms.

In 2008, the WCIDC will complete its commitment to another Mid-Mon Valley site — the Monessen Riverfront Development Park. Within a couple of weeks, bids will be let for a trail and walkway with benches along the riverfront.

It is ironic that when the steel mills lined the riverfront, they brought thousands of jobs, but residents had no access to the river.

The construction of the trails should begin in April, Larese said.





The Sony Technology Center, top, is in an area that has received great interest from new companies. This year, Westmoreland County will complete its final commitment to the Monessen Riverfront Development Park.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Charleroi Federal reports growth

The 71st annual meeting of Charleroi Federal Savings Bank was held Jan. 16 in the bank's home office.

Neil D. Bassi, president and chief executive officer of Charleroi Federal Savings Bank, reported growth of 5.5 percent in bank assets for 2007; deposits increased 6.7 percent while total mortgage lending increased 10 percent.

Reserves were $60 million, an all-time high. Retained earnings remained more than 17 percent, more than double the minimum federal requirements.

Bassi said the bank's positive financial results are significant in light of recent fallout of the mortgage sub-prime industry.

As part of the banking industry, Bassi said, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank stands by its high-ethical underwriting standards which are reflected in the bank's consistent high-quality loan portfolio.

As a complement to its traditional mortgage business, Charleroi Federal Savings Bank will continue to expand product and market awareness in the area of business banking for 2008. Internet business banking, business bill pay and a wide variety of cash management products are examples of products and services being marketed.

Charleroi Federal Savings Bank plans to open its ninth location in Washington, Pa., in early April.

"The new branch will be a state-of-the-art, full-service facility with plasma televisions for product information and advertising, drive-up ATM machine, two drive-through lanes and other customer conveniences," Bassi said. "The Washington branch will be truly beautiful and functional as well as providing all our financial services to large segments of Washington County, many of whom are already our customers."

Charleroi Federal Savings Bank is a $370 million community financial institution, whose officers, directors and staff are dedicated to customer and community service.

Burns to speak at chamber luncheon

The Mon Valley Regional Chamber of Commerce February luncheon will feature Washington County Commissioner J. Bracken Burns, 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Charleroi Elks, 301 Fallowfield Ave., Charleroi.

Burns will speak about the county's economic climate and its impact in the Mon Valley region.

Reservations can be made by calling the Mon Valley Regional Chamber office at (724) 483-3507, or by downloading a registration form at www.mvrchamber.org, which can be faxed or mailed. The cost is $15 per person for members and $18 per person for nonmembers.

Washington Chamber hosting Pietrala

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce will host a breakfast briefing featuring Robert Pietrala, vice president and general counsel of Aquatech International Corporation, 7:45 to 9 a.m. Feb. 15 at the Holiday Inn Meadowlands.

The breakfast will be sponsored by Consolidated Communications formerly Nauticom Internet Services.

For more information or to register, contact Nikki Guthrie at (724) 225-3010 or send an e-mail to nikki@washcochamber.com.

The cost is $15 per person for chamber members of the and $25 for non-members. Reservations will be accepted through Feb. 13.

TRIB TOTAL MEDIA'S Family, Inc.

by Jennifer Antkowiak

Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Q: I know that February is heart health month. What do I really need to know about how to prevent heart disease?

A: Learning about how to keep the heart healthy is an important subject for me because I lost my mother to a heart attack about 15 years ago, when she was only 50 years old.

I was working in television news in Erie at the time, just out of college. I got a phone call that she was gone. It was that fast. There was no time to say anything or do anything. She was just gone.

So, I know the devastating effects that heart disease can have on a family. I feel my mom's presence around me all the time, but my sisters and I have had to grow into women and mothers without the benefit of having her here. My children didn't get to experience what a fantastic grandma I know she would have been.

In honor of my mother, I will be doing a lot to help spread the word about heart health. I've partnered with the experts at Allegheny General Hospital's McGinnis Cardiovascular Institute to bring you the best information on how to care for your heart.

Your question about prevention is really a perfect way to kick things off. I interviewed the Medical Director of the Women's Cardiac Center, Dr. Indu Poornima, who works every day to help people prevent heart disease. She says part of prevention has to start in your brain. Now, the mindset seems to be "once I have symptoms, I will go to the doctor, and they will fix me." However, by the time you feel symptoms, chances are good that you are already well on your way to developing some form of cardiovascular disease. Don't let it get that far.

Dr. Poornima says: Pay attention to your blood pressure. If you're told that your blood pressure is even slightly elevated, start to monitor it, look to see if high blood pressure is a trend The systolic (upper number) and the diastolic (lower number) readings are equally important. Ideally, your blood pressure should be 120 over 80 or below. Again, one reading is not enough to be able to fully judge the situation.

Know your cholesterol levels: You need to know the breakdown of your cholesterol numbers. "Normal" readings vary, but you need to make sure to have your cholesterol checked, and then ask for your specific LDL, HDL, and Triglyceride counts.

Don't Smoke: Studies show that smoking has gone down among men, but guess what? The number of women---especially young women smoking has nearly doubled! And guess what else? Doctors are seeing many more young women having heart attacks.

Control Your Weight: Being overweight dramatically increases your risk of developing high cholesterol and high blood pressure, which are two of the major risk factors of cardiovascular disease. The latest studies show that abdominal obesity has the worst effect on overall health. Doctors look at the waist to hip ratio---your waist should be much smaller than your hips, if it's not, you need to work on balancing your body. Dr. Poornima says "exercise is the biggest treatment." Exercise tones your vascular system, and produces hormones that help to strengthen every system in your body. Aim for 30 minutes of consistent activity a day. It doesn't have to be vigorous...walking is wonderful. The main thing you want is 30 continuous minutes of movement.

Watch out for symptoms of depression. My mother suffered with depression. I didn't realize there was a connection between it and cardiovascular disease, but there is. Dr. Poornima told me that there are certain substances produced by the brain in depression that have a proven role in cardiovascular disease and heart attack.

Reduce your stress: A report out just last week showed that there are more heart attacks among those who have high job-related stress. There are many things you can do to relieve stress. I like aromatherapy. Lavender oil is a calming, relaxing scent. Grapefruit is great for clearing your mind and improving your mood. Exercise also works to relieve stress; and I know many people who swear by yoga. Yoga's been proven to reduce heart problems. Find something that works for you.

Bottom line, take charge of your heart health. Do everything you can to prevent heart disease from having an effect on your family.

Watch for more heart topics this month. And as always, please send me your questions. I'd love to help! Email them to me at jennifer@jenniferTVshow.com

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It's All About A Woman's Heart

Join Us For An Open House

Allegheny General Hospital invites you to tour the Women's Heart Center in McCandless – a distinctive center that caters specifically to women and their unique cardiovascular needs. Our team of cardiologists – each of whom is a woman – will be glad to answer your questions. You'll also have an opportunity to meet local television personality Jennifer Antkowiak and learn how heart disease has impacted women in her family.

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Giants celebrate

Michael Strahan debuted a new catch phrase as New York honored its Super Bowl champions. **2B**

Valley SPORTS

Craft of the Week

A hand-made knit afghan can be a perfect gift for Valentine's Day. **6B**

Clemens testifies

Testifying before Congress Tuesday, Roger Clemens denied any use of steroids or growth hormones. **2B**

Sports Trivia

Which Pittsburgh Steeler caught the longest pass in Pro Bowl history of 93 yards and who was the quarterback? **2B**

Last night's scores

Buffalo 4, Boston 2
Anaheim 3, N.Y. Islanders 0
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
Washington 4, Columbus 3, OT
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Montreal 4, Ottawa 3

Monessen settles for #2

Unbeaten Lady Greyhounds will open playoffs Friday at Charleroi.

By BRIAN HERMAN
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MOON TOWNSHIP — Monessen High girls' basketball coach Major Corley left Tuesday's WPIAL playoff pairings meetings at the Embassy Suites with mixed emotions.

Guiding the WPIAL's lone remaining unbeaten team, Corley pondered getting the top seed in Class A.

The 23-0 Lady Greyhounds, however, were seeded second to North Catholic (20-4).

Corley

"I was a little surprised that we weren't No. 1 because I thought we'd get the benefit of the doubt," he said. "But I can understand North Catholic getting the top seed. They're the defending champion, they're big and played a tough schedule."

The Lady Trojans' losses were to three Class AAAA powers Mt. Lebanon, New Castle and Hollidaysburg and Class AAA's Elizabeth Forward.

Mt. Lebanon is ranked third in the state, New Castle is a fourth seed, District 6's Hollidaysburg shows an 18-3 record and Elizabeth Forward went 20-4 with two of the defeats to second seed West Mifflin.

Although Monessen is a three-time WPIAL champion and played in eight title games, Corley can remember his team getting only one top seed in 1995.

"We were a second seed four or five times," he noted.

"I'm satisfied with our seed because we may be in the easier bracket," he added.

The Lady Greyhounds will make their debut Friday at Charleroi in a doubleheader featuring both California teams.

Monessen will play California (8-13) at 6:30 p.m.

If Monessen wins, the Lady Greyhounds will get the Geibel-Monaca winner in the quarterfinals.

The Lady Trojans finished fourth in Section 2 behind Geibel, Carmichaels and Mapletown.

The only other area team to get a top four seed was California's boys at No. 3 in Class A.

The Trojans (15-5) were placed behind Serra (21-2) and Wilkinsburg (12-10).

"I can't figure out the seeding, but it's a good draw," said California coach Phil Pergola.

California, which lost in last year's WPIAL final to Leechburg, will face Elderton (5-19) at 8 p.m. at Charleroi.

Monessen's boys were one of seven teams in the large Class AA field of 24 to get a bye.

The Greyhounds (18-5) will face the Mohawk-Ford City winner Tuesday or Wednesday.

If there was a disappointed area coach last night, it was probably

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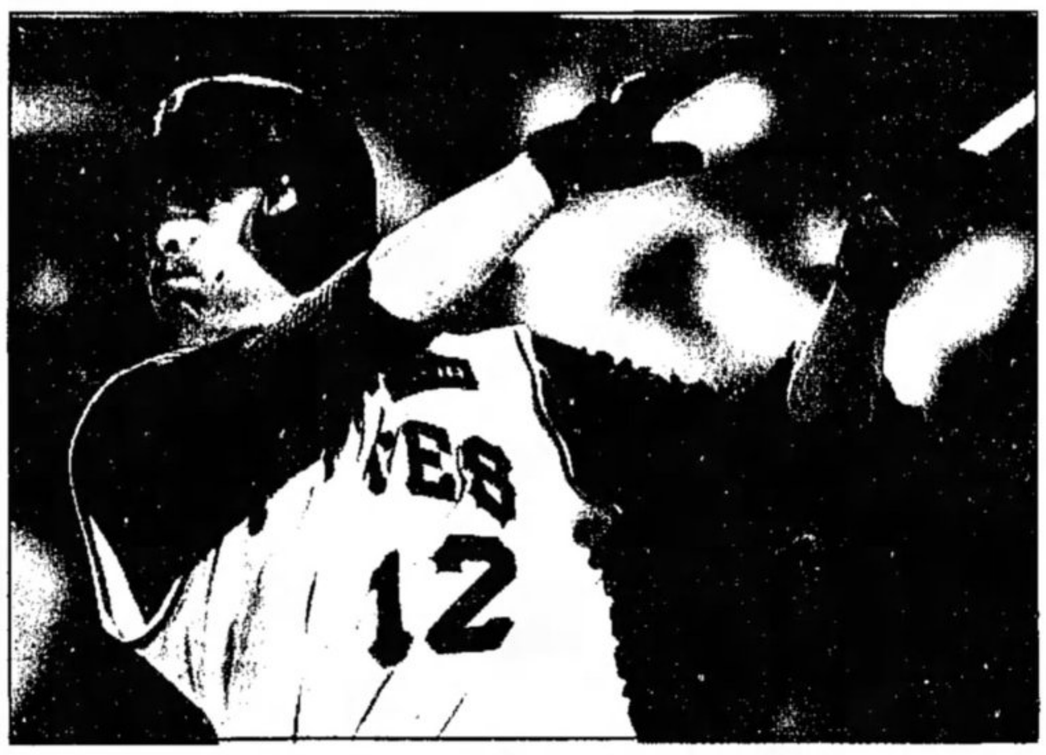

Freddy Sanchez will report to spring training with a new two-year contract in hand.

Associated Press

Sanchez gets $11M deal

Two-year contract allows Pirates' infielder to avoid arbitration.

PITTSBURGH (AP) — For a player who needed nearly five seasons to get out of the minors, Pittsburgh Pirates second baseman Freddy Sanchez's career is accelerating at a relatively late stage.

In only two years, Sanchez has gone from being a utility infielder to an NL batting champion and a two-time All-Star. He was rewarded Tuesday with an $11 million, two-year contract that includes a 2010 option that could make the deal worth $18.4 million.

"That first year of free agency is big for us," general manager Neal Huntington said. "It's not a drastically undervalued free agency year, but it is one that gives us cost certainty if Freddy continues to go out and exceed expectations and perform at a high level."

The contract allowed the 2006 NL batting champion to avoid an arbitration hearing. Sanchez, who made $2.75 million last season, sought $4.9 million and the team offered $4.1 million.

The 30-year-old Sanchez didn't become an everyday player until a month into the 2006 season but went on to win the batting title with a .344 average. It was the highest average by a Pirates regular since Roberto Clemente hit .345 in 1969.

Sanchez also drove in 85 runs despite hitting only six homers.

"A few years ago I was a utility guy, coming off the bench," Sanchez said. "To have the commitment that they want me here is very encouraging."

Sanchez started slowly last season after a knee injury forced him to miss nearly all the Pirates' exhibition schedule, and he ended April with a .224 average. He bounced back to finish with a .304 average, 11 homers and 81 RBIs in 147 games, despite needing shoulder surgery the final week of the season.

Sanchez insisted he wanted to stay in Pittsburgh, even though the Pirates are coming off 15 consecutive losing seasons — one short of the major league record. They have virtually the same roster as a year ago, when they lost 94 games. They lost 95 games each in 2005 and 2006.

"I was here for the losing and I want to be here for the winning now," he said.

Sanchez said he's not disappointed, as teammate Jason Bay is, that the Pirates made no off-season moves of consequence.

"We have the same exact team we had last year, and that team was assembled to compete and contend," said Sanchez, a former Red Sox farmhand who was dealt to Pittsburgh during the 2004 season. "I think a lot of us underachieved and, me personally, I'm not going to let that happen again. I think definitely we're going to play better the next few years. If I didn't see us winning in the future, this isn't something that would have gotten done."

Sanchez gets a $300,000 signing bonus, $4 million this year

(See SANCHEZ, Page 2B)

Edinboro brings shot blockers to PSAC showdown

"Sheriff" will lead Scots against Vulcans tonight.

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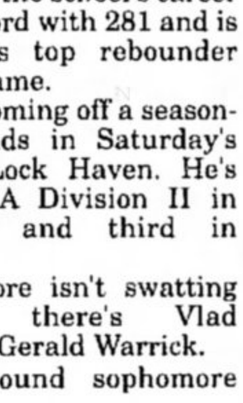
Something has to give when California (14-4, 5-0) and Edinboro (15-4, 5-0) collide at 8 p.m. today at Hamer Hall in the PSAC West showdown for first place.



McLemore

The Vulcans lead the conference in shooting percentage at .489, while the Scots are No. 1 in defense, limiting opponents to .365.

"It will be a challenge because they have two shot blockers inside," said California coach Bill Brown. "You don't get layups or open looks against them, which is the key to their success on defense."

Ryan McLemore, a 6-9, 210-pound senior, has already blocked 97 shots — 59 more than anyone else in the conference.

Known as "The Sheriff," McLemore holds the school's career blocked shot record with 281 and is the conference's top rebounder with over 11 a game.

McLemore is coming off a season-high 19 rebounds in Saturday's 78-65 win at Lock Haven. He's second in NCAA Division II in blocked shots and third in rebounding.

When McLemore isn't swatting shots away, there's Vlad Kovalevsky and Gerald Warrick.

A 6-7, 230-pound sophomore reserve, Kovalevsky has blocked 22 shots with 6-7, 202-pound Warrick knocking 10 shots away.

"It's like playing volleyball with their big guys underneath," said Brown. "You have to take one of them out of the picture."

Ranked 25th in the country, Edinboro is more than just a strong defensive team.

"They're the most balanced team in the league with all their starters averaging in double figures," said Brown.

Joseph Jones, a 6-3 junior, leads with 17 points a game.

Gil Cummings, a 6-1 junior, follows with an 11-point average whole 5-10 senior Devon Knight, Warrick and McLemore are all good for 10 points a game.

Knight is the nephew of former Pitt star Billy Knight, the Atlanta Hawks' executive vice president and general manager.

Edinboro is riding a nine-game winning streak, its longest since 2004-05. The last loss was at Bowie State Dec. 29, 65-57.

California, meanwhile, has put together a five-game winning streak all in PSAC West contests.

Ron Banks is the Vulcans' leading scorer with a 14 point average with Ali Mbaye setting the pace with an average of almost eight a game.

LEFTOVERS: Mbaye was last week's PSAC West Player of the Week ... Cal's Theron Colao,who's averaging 12 points of the bench, and Edinboro reserve Larry Bryant were teammates at Beaver County Community College ... Edinboro coach Greg Walcavich has 499 career wins, including 345 with the Scots. The Scots are 3-18 at Hamer Hall under Walcavich ... Knight and McLemore are seniors on the winningest class in the school's history with 79 victories.

Trade would send Shaq to Phoenix

Physical is only obstacle to Suns-Heat deal.

PHOENIX (AP) — The fastest, flashiest team in the NBA could be getting a lot slower — but much larger — because of a blockbuster trade few could have seen coming.

The improbable pairing of the Phoenix Suns and Shaquille O'Neal went from rumor to near-reality overnight with several media outlets reporting that the big center would be here today for a physical.

On Tuesday night, the Suns pushed back their scheduled shootaround today from 9:45 a.m. MST to 4:45 p.m., shortly before they face the New Orleans Hornets.

The deal would send unhappy forward Shawn Marion and guard Marcus Banks to the Heat.

It would also signal an unexpected change in philosophy for the Suns, adding a 7-foot-1, 325-pound center who has won four NBA championships but has been plagued by injuries in recent years and turns 36 next month. O'Neal has been out with a hip injury and underwent an MRI exam in Miami on Tuesday.

For the three-plus seasons since Steve Nash came to town, Phoenix and its ultra up-tempo style have been the frenetic darlings of NBA fans grown weary of the slow style that has prevailed for years. But the Suns have fallen short in the playoffs, never even making it to the finals.

Marion, unhappy being third fiddle to Nash and Amare Stoudemire, asked to be traded before the season began. Stoudemire, meanwhile, dislikes playing out of position at center. The Suns have the best record in the West (34-14) but have not played up to their own or fans' expectations.

O'Neal is prepared for a trade, a confidant of his told The Associated Press Tuesday night.

O'Neal's associate, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to reveal anything publicly, said a deal could be imminent.

"Shaq thinks something will happen," the associate said.

He didn't speak to reporters before leaving Miami's practice. The Heat play at Detroit tonight.

The Miami Herald reported earlier Tuesday that the Heat are in "serious and ongoing" trade negotiations with the Suns, and the South Florida Sun-Sentinel said the deal could occur "within 48 hours." A Heat spokesman said the team had no comment.

ESPN.com said that only the physical stood in the way of the trade being finalized. Suns general manager Steve Kerr, owner Robert Sarver and coach Mike D'Antoni did not return messages left on their cell phones by the AP.

Speaking Tuesday night on his weekly radio show on Sports 620 KTAR, D'Antoni professed to know nothing about such a deal. However, he said such an acquisition would "mean a lot."

"That's a big question that has to be thought over and pondered," he said.

The Arizona Republic also said a deal could be imminent and that O'Neal had contacted some Suns players Tuesday night.

Shaquille O'Neal

SPORTS

Strahan: 'We stomped you out!'

Associated Press

Giants defensive end Michael Strahan celebrates during a ceremony honoring the team Tuesday at City Hall in New York.

Giants celebrate Super Bowl victory.

NEW YORK (AP) — On a day for jumping and whooping it up, Michael Strahan showed the throngs of jubilant fans just how it's done, New York Giants style.

The star defensive end fires up his team - a wildly improbable NFL champion - with a leap that he calls "stomping you out." And with that, Strahan jumped skyward on the podium at a Super Bowl rally Tuesday, lifting his knees to his shoulders.

"We would like to extend this to every other team in the NFL and particularly for the last team we defeated, the New England Patriots," he said, his teammates standing behind him. "Because you know what we did to you? We stomped you out!"

Two days after the Giants won the title with a 17-14 victory that ended the New England Patriots' perfect season, fans gathered at City Hall Park after a ticker-tape parade to watch their team get the keys to the city.

And those fans, umbrellas raised in a light rain, made a plea to Strahan, who is contemplating retirement. "One more year!" came the chant as soon as he got to the podium.

"One more year?" Strahan said. "We'll see."

Eli Manning, the MVP of the Super Bowl, said the team was proud to "bring the championship back to New York City."

"It's been an unbelievable journey," he said.

Manning and Strahan were joined by the entire Giants organization in a parade through the "Canyon of Heroes" before hundreds of thousands of fans, many decked out in Giants blue, to celebrate one of the city's great sports triumphs.

After the Manhattan lovefest, the team took buses back to New Jersey, where it was met by a crowd of more than 20,000 fans at Giants Stadium.

The crowd saved its loudest cheers for coach Tom Coughlin, who emerged from a tunnel holding aloft the Super Bowl trophy.

"You believed in us and this group of young men believed in themselves," he said. "And that's why we're standing here today."

The crowd burst into cheers when wide receive David Tyree was introduced and pressed a football to his head, simulating his astonishing catch in the final minutes of Sunday's game.

State Senate President Richard J. Codey took a jab at the Patriots when he referred to their videotaping scandal at Giants Stadium against the Jets in September.

"If the Patriots were here today, they could film all they want," Codey said.

Earlier, across the Hudson River, the Giants rode in floats and many players carried video cameras to record the moment. A huge cheer went up when Manning joined Strahan at the front of a float. The float also carried Mayor Michael Bloomberg as well as the Vince Lombardi Trophy, which was cradled like a baby in Strahan's massive arms.

"I've never ever played with a bigger group of goofballs than this group here," Strahan said. "And you know what? We won the Super Bowl!"

Bloomberg gave team officials and players keys to the city after the festivities. Gov. Eliot Spitzer and Sen. Charles Schumer were among the politicians joining Bloomberg at City Hall.

"The Giants may not be perfect but no one is, at least not this year in the NFL," Bloomberg said, taking a shot at the Patriots' 18-1 season.

Schumer said: "Now the Giants aren't just New York's team, they're America's team."

Coughlin thanked the city for the outpouring of enthusiasm.

"That parade and that show of loyalty and the response to our championship season is just something we'll remember the rest of our lives," he said.

House committee hears Clemens' denial

Clemens

Yankees pitcher says he never used steroids, HGH.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Roger Clemens said he told Congress exactly what he's been saying, over and over again, in various settings, ever since the Mitchell Report came out.

This time, though, the seven-time Cy Young Award winner was speaking under oath.

Wearing a pinstriped gray suit instead of a pinstriped New York Yankees uniform, Clemens delivered his most meaningful denial of drug use yet Tuesday, meeting behind closed doors for five hours with lawyers from the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

"I just want to thank the committee, the staff that I just met with. They were very courteous," Clemens said in brief remarks after his sworn deposition. "It was great to be able to tell them what I've been saying all along — that I've never used steroids or growth hormone."

It was the first time Clemens faced legal risk if he were to make false statements. Home run king Barry Bonds, another player linked to steroid use, was indicted in November on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice for telling a grand jury in 2003 that he didn't knowingly take performance-enhancing drugs.

In the 1 1/2 months since former Senate majority leader George Mitchell released his report on drug use in baseball, Clemens strongly and repeatedly denied what his former personal trainer, Brian McNamee, said — in statements by his lawyers, in a written statement, in a video statement, during a taped TV interview and in a live news conference.

This time, Clemens spoke with staffers from the same House panel that — after the Mitchell Report came out — asked the Justice Department to look into whether 2002 AL MVP Miguel Tejada lied when he told committee investigators in 2005 that he never took performance enhancers and had no knowledge of other players using or talking about steroids. The FBI's field office in Washington is handling that inquiry.

"Roger hasn't declined to answer a single question since this matter began, and he was completely forthcoming," one of Clemens' lawyers, Lanny Breuer, told The Associated Press.

Clemens, Breuer said, "answered every question that was posed to him today and we very much appreciate the committee giving him that opportunity."

Clemens' private testimony came the day after his Yankees teammate and workout partner, Andy Pettitte, gave a deposition to committee staff for 2 1/2 hours. Both players' interviews were there in preparation for a Feb. 13 public hearing expected to focus on McNamee's allegations in the Mitchell Report that he injected Clemens more than a dozen times with human growth hormone and steroids in 1998, 2000 and 2001.

Clemens acknowledged he received injections from McNamee, but he said they were for vitamin B-12 and the painkiller lidocaine. His repeated rejection of contents in the Mitchell Report drew Congress' attention.

McNamee also told Mitchell he injected Pettitte with HGH. Pettitte acknowledged two days after the report was released that he did try HGH for two days in 2002 to help deal with an elbow injury.

Clemens, Pettitte and McNamee all are slated to testify Feb. 13.

"I look forward to being here, I guess in this room, next week," Clemens said in his 25-second statement after the deposition.

McNamee is to meet with committee lawyers Thursday for a deposition.

Sanchez (FROM PAGE ONE)

and $6.1 million in 2009. The deal includes an $8 million option for 2010 with a $600,000 buyout.

The option becomes guaranteed if he has 635 plate appearances in 2009 or is selected for the All-Star game and has 600 plate appearances.

The option can increase by up to $500,000: $100,000 each for 650 plate appearances in each of the next two years, $100,000 for making the All-Star game in each of the next two years and $100,000 for winning a Gold Glove or Silver Slugger.

While a team such as the Yankees, Red Sox or Dodgers wouldn't have blinked at paying Sanchez's deal, Huntington called it is a major commitment. The Pirates' $51 million payroll last season was the majors' fourth lowest.

Sanchez is expected to be the Pirates' fifth highest-paid player this season, trailing only right-hander Matt Morris ($9.75 million), Wilson ($6.5 million), Bay ($5.75 million) and first baseman Adam LaRoche ($5 million). Sanchez made $2.75 million last season. Sanchez and Wilson are former American Legion teammates from the Los Angeles area.

"Part of our strategy is to try to find the players that are the reliable people, the quality people, that are willing to sacrifice a little bit of their pure financial upside for some security," Huntington said. "At the same time, we take significant risk and significant exposure from a financial standpoint, but we feel like we're getting enough back on the other end. In this case, it's the ability to get Freddy's first year of free agency."

Sanchez is the first Pirates infielder to hit .300 in consecutive seasons since third baseman Bill Madlock in 1982-83, based on a minimum of 450 plate appearances. Sanchez was a third baseman in 2006.

"This contract is a testament to Freddy not only as a two-time All-Star, but a team player who moved from third base to second base after winning a batting championship," Huntington said.

SPORTS HISTORY

30 Years Ago

Monessen tackle Dean Gilman, Ringgold fullback-defensive end Yogi Jones and Thomas Jefferson running back Jim Giansante were named to the West team for the Big 33 Classic in Hershey.

20 Years Ago

Monessen routed Fort Cherry, 105-69, behind Jimbo Malinchak's 25 points.

Yancy Taylor had 16 points in Ringgold's 45-42 upset win over McKeesport.

Paul Williams poured in 29 points in Charleroi's 89-71 victory over California.

Rick DeLattre had 19 points in Mon Valley Catholic's 77-60 loss to Duquesne.

Matt Lafko scored 22 points in Frazier's 69-66 overtime loss to Clairton.

10 Years Ago

Jill Miller had 12 points in Ringgold's 38-33 loss to McKeesport. Swin Cash had 19 points, 16 rebounds and blocked four shots for the Tigers.

Monessen beat Charleroi, 64-33, for its 16th straight win behind sophomore reserve Latoya Frezzell's 16 points.

Tracy Rodriguez had 22 points in Belle Vernon Area's 48-39 win at Mt. Pleasant.

SPORTS DIGEST

Cal women home with Edinboro

The California University women's basketball team (17-3, 4-1) will try to rebound from its first PSAC West defeat when it faces Edinboro (11-8, 1-4) at 6 p.m. today at Hamer Hall.

The contest matches two of the top four scorers in the PSAC West.

Edinboro sophomore Samantha Reimer is third with 20.1 average followed by California sophomore Brooque Williams, who's scoring at a 17.2 clip. California is the conference's highest scoring team with a 79.6 average with Edinboro third at 72.5.

California's Bosch Swimmer of Week

California University junior Ester Bosch was named the PSAC Swimmer of the Week after setting pool and school records in the 100 and 200-yard freestyle at the Carnegie Mellon Invitational.

Her time of 1:52.95 in the 200 freestyle is an NCAA "A" cut time while her mark of 52.40 in the 100 freestyle is one-tenth of second shy of an NCAA "A" cut time.

Washington Twp. signups scheduled

The Washington Township Youth Association will hold its annual baseball and softball registrations Friday (6 to 8 p.m.) and Saturday (10 a.m. to noon) at the Washington Township Municipal Building.

Any child attending school in the Belle Vernon Area District is eligible.

Age levels are 5 to 14 (as of April 30) for baseball and 5 to 18 (as of Jan. 1) for softball. For more information, call WTYA president Tim Naulty at (724) 326-4259).

Donora Men's Pool League meeting set

The Donora Men's Pool League will meet Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at the Rusin Club in Donora.

Ringgold cagers down BVA, 51-44

Ringgold's ninth grade basketball team downed Belle Vernon Area, 51-44, to close at 11-6.

Josh Burnisky (18) and Dylan Patch (12) combined for 30 points for the Little Rams.

Ringgold splits with Mt. Pleasant

Ringgold's swimmers split with Mt. Pleasant.

The Rams were an 84-69 winner with the Lady Rams bowing 101-66.

Taking firsts for the Rams were Jon Weeks (200 freestyle and 100 fly), Scott Balzer (500 freestyle), Jeremy Buono (100 backstroke), the 200 medley relay team of Buono, Dave Criss, Weeks and John Bandalo and the 400 freestyle relay team of Balzer, Bandalo, Criss and Weeks.

Sarah McMahon (100 breaststroke) and the 400 freestyle relay team of Loren Cortopassi, Rachael Keeling, Samantha Jenkins and Sarah Criss had firsts for the Lady Rams.

Basketball playoff ticket sales set

Monessen, Belle Vernon Area and Ringgold have basketball playoff ticket sales scheduled this week.

Tickets for Friday's first-round Monessen girls' game at Charleroi will be sold today from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the Monessen High athletic director's office.

Tickets for Friday's Belle Vernon Area girls' game with Blackhawk at Chartiers Valley will be sold today from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the BVA athletic office.

Ringgold's ticket sale for the Rams' game Saturday at North Allegheny against Hampton will be Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the athletic office.

Ticket prices are $6 for adults and $4 for students.

Mid-Atlantic stars to shine tonight

The Mid-Atlantic Hockey League All-Star Game is scheduled today at 7:30 p.m. at the Jamestown (N.Y.) Savings Bank Ice Arena.

Former New Jersey Devil Sergei Starikov will be signing autographs and having his photo taken with fans from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Trivia answer

Yancey Thigpen from Jeff Blake in 1996.

Playoffs (FROM PAGE ONE)

Belle Vernon Area's John Dudzinski.

Despite winning a section title, his Leps (19-5) were seeded seventh in Class AAA and drew a tough first round test in Keystone Oaks (14-10) Tuesday or Wednesday.

The Leps lost an 82-75 contest at Keystone Oaks Jan. 2.

"Our section didn't get any respect," said Dudzinski.

Ringgold's boys (8-16), will play their first post-season game in 11 years at noon Saturday at North Allegheny against perennial power Hampton (13-10), coached by former Frazier standout Joe Lafko.

The Talbots' record is deceiving because seven of their losses were by a combined total of 12 points.

Bentworth's boys (15-7) will play Sewickley Academy (11-8) at 8 p.m. Friday at West Allegheny in Class A.

Ringgold girls' coach Joe Ravasio didn't mind getting a bye and his Lady Rams (17-7) not making their debut until Tuesday or Wednesday against the Belle Vernon Area-Blackhawk winner in Class AAA.

"We can use a little bit of rest after playing three games in each of the last four weeks," he said.

Making its first post-season appearance in nine years, BVA (6-18) goes to Chartiers Valley Friday to take on Blackhawk (15-9) at 6:30 p.m. in Class AAA.

Elizabeth Forward's girls (20-4) will also open Tuesday or Wednesday against the West Allegheny-Moon winner in Class AAA.

In Class AA, Charleroi's girls (13-11) face Wilkinsburg (11-9) Saturday at 3 p.m. at Northgate.

Wilkinsburg features the WPIAL's leading scorer in junior Darche Jackson, who's averaging 34 points.

Basketball playoffs

Boys
Class AAAA
Friday
At Penn State Allegheny

8 p.m. - Central Catholic (19-4) vs Latrobe (16-8)

At Fox Chapel

8 p.m. - North Allegheny (22-2) vs Gateway (9-14)

At North Allegheny

8 p.m. - Norwin (18-6) vs Butler (13-8)

At North Hills

8 p.m. - Moon (17-6) vs Plum (10-13)

Saturday
At Plum

1:30 p.m. - McKeesport (17-3) vs Hempfield (10-13)

At North Hills

1:30 p.m. - Seneca Valley (17-7) vs Upper St. Clair (19-5)

At North Allegheny

3 p.m. - Canon-McMillan (17-7) vs Shaler (12-11)

At Gateway

1:30 p.m. - Franklin Regional (18-6) vs Peters Township (16-8)

Class AAA
Friday
At Belle Vernon Area

6 p.m. - Laurel Highlands (12-10) vs South Park (10-13)

At Hempfield

8 p.m. - Valley (14-9) vs Mt. Pleasant (9-13)

At Chartiers Valley

8 p.m. - Ambridge (8-15) vs West Mifflin (10-11)

Saturday
At North Allegheny

Noon - Ringgold (8-16) vs Hampton (13-10)

At Ringgold

1:30 p.m. - Thomas Jefferson (9-13) vs Derry (7-17)

Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined

Belle Vernon Area (19-5) vs Keystone Oaks (14-10)

Greensburg Salem (18-5) vs Montour (14-10)

Indiana (19-5) vs Steel Valley (16-5)

Chartiers Valley (22-2) vs Valley-Mt. Pleasant winner

Uniontown (18-4) vs Ambridge-West Mifflin winner

Blackhawk (19-5) vs Laurel Highlands-South Park winner

Highlands (19-4) vs Thomas Jefferson-Derry winner

Hopewell (18-5) vs Ringgold-Hampton winner

Class AA
Friday
At South Fayette

8 p.m. - Greensburg Central (16-8) vs Northgate (7-16)

At Aliquippa

8 p.m. - Quaker Valley (15-9) vs Summit Academy (11-11)

At Trinity

8 p.m. - Burgettstown (19-5) vs Canevin (12-12)

Saturday
At Fox Chapel

Noon - Center (15-7) vs West Shamokin (16-6)

3 p.m. - Brentwood (14-8) vs Springdale (16-6)

At Chartiers Valley

1:30 p.m. - Seton LaSalle (12-12) vs Brownsville (11-13)

At Highlands

3 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Neshannock (11-10)

At New Castle

1:30 p.m. - Mohawk (12-7) vs Ford City (13-11)

Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined

Monessen (18-5) vs Mohawk-Ford City winner

Beaver Falls (19-3) vs Brentwood-Springdale winner

Washington (18-6) vs Greensburg Central-Northgate winner

North Catholic (21-3) vs Quaker Valley-Summit Academy winner

Riverside (23-1) vs Seton LaSalle-Brownsville winner

Jeannette (16-4) vs Center-West Shamokin winner

South Fayette (19-5) vs Shady Side Academy-Neshannock winner

Aliquippa (16-8) vs Burgettstown-Canevin winner

Class A
Friday
At Charleroi

8 p.m. - California (15-5) vs Elderton (5-19)

At West Allegheny

8 p.m. - Bentworth (15-7) vs Sewickley Academy (11-8)

At Keystone Oaks

8 p.m. - Union (14-6) vs Mapletown (13-10)

Saturday
At Monessen

2:30 p.m. - St. Joseph (13-10) vs Carmichaels (18-4)

At Highlands

Noon - Lincoln Park (14-6) vs Leechburg (7-11)

At Northgate

1:30 p.m. - Wilkinsburg (12-10) vs Cornell (12-9)

At South Park

Noon - Clairton (11-10) vs Monaca (10-13)

3 p.m. - Trinity Christian (31-6) vs Geibel (6-14)

Tuesday or Wednesday

Serra (21-2) vs St. Joseph-Carmichaels winner

Girls
Class AAAA
Friday
At Penn State Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Latrobe (14-10) vs Oakland Catholic (14-10)

At North Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - New Castle (18-5) vs Bethel Park (12-11)

At Hempfield

6:30 p.m. - Woodland Hills (17-7) vs Uniontown (14-10)

Saturday
At North Hills

Noon - Upper St. Clair (18-5) vs North Allegheny (13-10)

3 p.m. - Norwin (23-1) vs Seneca Valley (1-14)

At Plum

Noon - Mt. Lebanon (22-2) vs McKeesport (13-11)

3 p.m. - Butler (22-2) vs Hempfield (18-6)

At Gateway

Noon - Fox Chapel (17-7) vs Peters Township (17-7)

Class AAA
Friday
At Chartiers Valley

6:30 p.m. - Belle Vernon Area (6-18) vs Blackhawk (15-9)

At North Hills

6:30 p.m. - West Allegheny (12-11) vs Moon (8-15)

At Trinity

6:30 p.m. - Southmoreland (17-6) vs McGuffey (9-15)

Saturday
At Ringgold

Noon - Thomas Jefferson (10-13) vs Laurel Highlands (9-14)

3 p.m. - Derry (13-10) vs Keystone Oaks (6-16)At Gateway

3 p.m. - Mars (11-12) vs Franklin Regional (10-14)

At Fox Chapel

1:30 p.m. - Highlands (14-10) vs Steel Valley (11-12)

Tuesday or Wednesday
Sites to be determined

Ringgold (17-7) vs Blackhawk-Belle Vernon Area winner

Hampton (22-2) vs Thomas Jefferson-Laurel Highlands winner

Mt. Pleasant (17-6) vs Ambridge (15-8)

Indiana (21-3) vs Derry-Keystone Oaks winner

Elizabeth Forward (20-4) vs West Allegheny-Moon winner

West Mifflin (21-3) vs Southmoreland-McGuffey winner

Chartiers Valley (18-6) vs Highlands-Steel Valley winner

Class AA
Friday
At Belle Vernon Area

6:30 p.m. - South Park (16-8) vs Beth-Center (14-9)

At South Fayette

6:30 p.m. - Sto-Rox (14-7) vs Northgate (9-10)

Saturday
At Northgate

3 p.m. - Charleroi (13-11) vs Wilkinsburg (11-9)

At North Allegheny

1:30 p.m. - South Fayette (16-8) vs Apollo-Ridge (14-8)

At New Castle

Noon - Ford City (17-6) vs Deer Lakes (9-14)

3 p.m. - Canevin (18-6) vs Mohawk (10-13)

At Chartiers Valley

Noon - Brownsville (15-8) vs Riverview (10-14)

3 p.m. - Seton-LaSalle (13-11) vs Quaker Valley (13-11)

At Highlands

1:30 p.m. - Shady Side Academy (17-7) vs Jeannette (14-10)

Tuesday or Wednesday

Sacred Heart (22-1) vs South Fayette-Apollo-Ridge winner

Riverside (17-7) vs Charleroi-Wilkinsburg winner

Beaver Falls (15-8) vs Ford City-Deer Lakes winner

Washington (22-1) vs Seton-LaSalle-Quaker Valley winner

Beaver (15-6) vs Shady Side Academy-Jeannette winner

Greensburg Central (16-7) vs Brownsville-Riverview winner

Neshannock (16-7) vs South Park-Beth-Center winner

Class A
Friday
At Charleroi

6:30 p.m. - Monessen (23-0) vs California (8-13)

At Aliquippa

6:30 p.m. - Avonworth (12-9) vs Rochester (16-7)

At Fox Chapel

6:30 p.m. - Mt. Alvernia (13-8) vs Clairton (9-8)

At Keystone Oaks

6:30 p.m. - Quigley (17-7) vs Mapletown (14-6)

At West Allegheny

6:30 p.m. - Vincentian (15-8) vs Avella (12-10)

Saturday
At Monessen

1 p.m. - Serra (15-9) vs Carmichaels (12-11)

At Northgate

Noon - North Catholic (20-4) vs Cornell (7-11)

At South Park

1:30 p.m. - Geibel (17-6) vs Monaca (10-12)

NHL standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	17	5	65	169	146
New Jersey	30	20	3	63	138	128
Pittsburgh	29	19	5	63	155	144
N.Y. Rangers	27	23	6	60	139	140
N.Y. Islanders	24	24	6	54	128	156

Northeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Ottawa	32	18	4	68	185	159
Montreal	29	16	9	67	173	150
Boston	27	21	5	59	139	142
Buffalo	24	21	7	55	155	148
Toronto	21	25	9	51	150	180

Southeast Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta	26	26	4	56	154	183
Carolina	26	26	4	56	165	178
Washington	25	24	5	55	156	169
Florida	25	25	5	55	145	153
Tampa Bay	22	27	5	49	158	182

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	41	10	4	86	185	115
Nashville	28	21	5	61	155	145
Columbus	25	23	7	57	136	142
St. Louis	24	21	7	55	135	149
Chicago	23	24	5	51	144	152

Northwest Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Minnesota	30	19	4	64	149	143
Calgary	27	19	8	62	156	157
Colorado	28	21	5	61	153	151
Vancouver	26	21	7	59	142	136
Edmonton	24	26	5	53	146	165

Pacific Division

	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	32	20	5	69	167	145
San Jose	29	16	7	65	139	126
Anaheim	28	22	7	63	139	146
Phoenix	28	22	4	60	150	149
Los Angeles	22	30	3	47	155	181

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss or shootout loss.

Tuesday's Games

Buffalo 4, Boston 2
Anaheim 3, N.Y. Islanders 0
Philadelphia 3, Atlanta 2
Washington 4, Columbus 3, OT
Los Angeles 4, N.Y. Rangers 2
Montreal 4, Ottawa 3
Florida 8, Toronto 0
Detroit 3, Minnesota 2, OT
Nashville 1, Carolina 0
Tampa Bay 5, St. Louis 4
Dallas 3, Vancouver 2, SO
Calgary 4, Phoenix 3, SO

Today's Games

New Jersey at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Washington at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Colorado at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday's Games

Vancouver at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Columbus at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Calgary, 9 p.m.

Taylor King and Duke will face ACC rival North Carolina at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Sports dial

Today
Television

7 p.m. - ESPN - Connecticut at Syracuse, college basketball.

7 p.m. - ESPN2 - Texas at Oklahoma, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN - Duke at North Carolina, college basketball.

9 p.m. - ESPN2 - Mexico at United States, soccer.

Radio

6 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Edinboro at California, women's college basketball.

7 p.m. - KQV (1410) - St. Joseph's at Duquesne, college basketball.

8 p.m. - WCAL (91.9 FM) - Edinboro at California, college basketball.

Mid-Atlantic Hockey League

	W	L	T	Pts
Indiana	29	1	0	58
Wooster	14	13	2	30
Jamestown	12	18	0	24
Mon Valley	10	15	3	23
Valley Forge	8	19	2	18

Friday

Mon Valley at Jamestown, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

Wooster at Mon Valley, 7:30 p.m.
Valley Forge at Indiana

NBA standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	36	9	.800	--
Toronto	26	21	.553	11
New Jersey	20	28	.417	17 1/2
Philadelphia	19	30	.388	19
New York	14	34	.292	23 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	31	19	.620	-
Washington	24	23	.511	5 1/2
Atlanta	20	24	.455	8
Charlotte	18	31	.367	12 1/2
Miami	9	37	.196	20

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	34	13	.723	-
Cleveland	27	20	.574	7
Chicago	19	28	.404	15
Indiana	19	30	.388	16
Milwaukee	19	30	.388	16

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	32	15	.681	--
New Orleans	32	15	.681	--
San Antonio	30	16	.652	1 1/2
Houston	26	20	.583	4 1/2
Memphis	13	35	.271	19 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	31	18	.633	--
Denver	29	18	.617	1
Portland	27	20	.574	3
Seattle	12	36	.250	18 1/2
Minnesota	10	37	.213	20

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	34	14	.708	--
L.A. Lakers	31	16	.660	2 1/2
Golden State	29	19	.604	5
Sacramento	22	24	.478	11
L.A. Clippers	15	30	.333	17 1/2

Tuesday's Games

Cleveland 114, Boston 113
San Antonio 116, Indiana 89
Philadelphia 101, Washington 96
L.A. Lakers 105, New Jersey 99
Milwaukee 102, Memphis 97

Today's Games

New Jersey at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Atlanta, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Washington, 7 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Indiana at New York, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Utah at Denver, 9 p.m.
New Orleans at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 10 p.m.
Seattle at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Billiards

Donora Men's Pool League
Standings
Division A

American legion, 209-80; Firemen, 187-102; Eagles, 166-123; Hoot Owls, 157-132; St. mary's, 128-161.

Division B

French Club, 139-150; Hungarian Club, 138-151; Rusin Club, 112-177; St Dominic's, 108-181; Ukrainian Club, 101-188.

Thursday

St. Mary's at Firemen
French Club at American Legion
Ukrainian Club at Eagles
St. Dominic's at Hoot Owls
Rusin Club at Hungarian Club

Last week's results

Firemen12, Hungarian Club 5
American Legion 13, St. Mary's 4
Eagles 11, French Club 6
Hoot Owls 13, Ukrainian Club 4
Rusin Club 9, St. Dominic's 8

PSAC standings

Western Division

California
Edinboro
Indiana
Clarion
Slippery Rock
Lock Haven
Shippensburg

Eastern Division

Cheyney
Kutztown
Millersville
Mansfield
East Stroudsburg
West Chester
Bloomsburg

Tuesday

Chestnut Hill
Lock Haven
Indiana
Slippery Rock
Millersville
Mansfield
Kutztown
West Chester

Wednesday

Western Division

Indiana
California
Shippensburg
Clarion
Edinboro
Slippery Rock
Lock Haven

Eastern Division

Cheyney
West Chester
Bloomsburg
East Stroudsburg
Millersville
Mansfield
Kutztown

Bowling

Lincoln
Ephrata Mercy
Shamokin

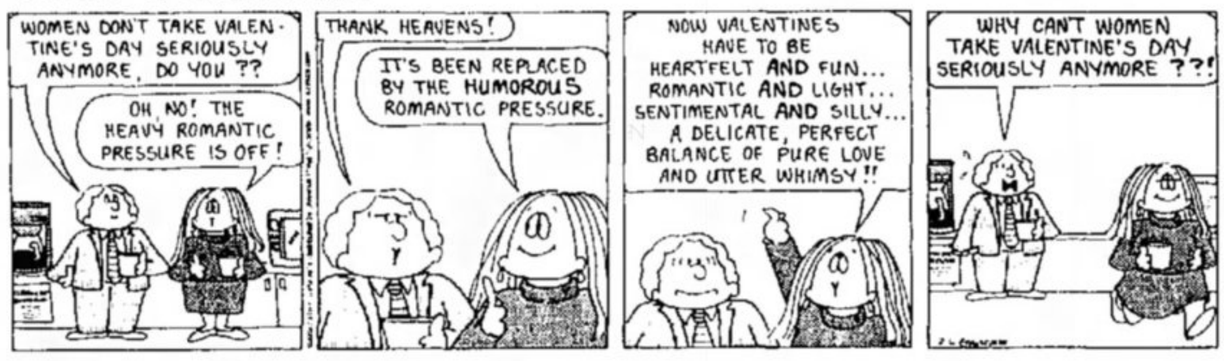
Duquesne 4, Notre Dame 3
80, St. Vincent 91.

High scores

Lee Ji-Hyun, South Korea, 290 Ball, Auto, 536 Scratch, 201 Ball, 523; Kim Seo-Hyun, South Korea, 278 Ball

COMICS

CATHY® by Cathy Guisewite


WOMEN DON'T TAKE VALENTINE'S DAY SERIOUSLY ANYMORE, DO YOU ??
OH, NO! THE HEAVY ROMANTIC PRESSURE IS OFF!
THANK HEAVENS!
IT'S BEEN REPLACED BY THE HUMOROUS ROMANTIC PRESSURE.
NOW VALENTINES HAVE TO BE HEARTFELT AND FUN... ROMANTIC AND LIGHT... SENTIMENTAL AND SILLY... A DELICATE, PERFECT BALANCE OF PURE LOVE AND UTTER WHIMSY!!
WHY CAN'T WOMEN TAKE VALENTINE'S DAY SERIOUSLY ANYMORE ??!

GARFIELD® by Jim Davis

ARLO and JANIS® by Jimmy Johnson

GENE HAS A BLOG?!
YEP!
ONE OF THOSE INTERNET DIARIES WHERE PEOPLE TALK ABOUT THEIR LIVES AND OPINIONS AND SUCH?
YEP! IT'S BEEN OUT THERE TWO YEARS!
REALLY!!! WHAT DOES HE SAY? DID YOU LEARN ANYTHING?
NOT MUCH
HE HASN'T UPDATED IT IN TWO YEARS.
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Classic PEANUTS® by Charles M. Schulz

YES MA'AM..I WAS TOLD TO SIGN UP FOR DANCE LESSONS BECAUSE I NEED TO BE MORE OUTGOING..
Dance Studio
MAYBE IF I'M MORE OUTGOING, I WON'T BE SO LONELY..
2-6-08
YES, THAT'S MY DOG... HE'S VERY OUTGOING..
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MONTY® by Jim Meddick

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SAY, D'YOU KNOW YOUR CAT IS GROWING HAIR EVERYWHERE EXCEPT FOR ON HIS BUTT?..
YEAH. YEAH. IT'S A LONG STORY.
IT SORT OF REMINDS ME OF AN "ANIMAL PLANET" SPECIAL I ONCE SAW ABOUT BABOONS.
OH YEAH.. THOSE BABOONS WITH THOSE STRANGE, INFLAMED BOTTOMS...
THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS I CAN'T CHANGE CHANNELS OR TAKE COMFORT IN THE FACT THAT THE SPECIES LIVES FAR AWAY ON A SEPARATE CONTINENT.

HI & LOIS® by Mort Walker and Dick Browne

BEETLE BAILEY® by Mort Walker

WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO OUT TONIGHT?
YES! I WOULD!
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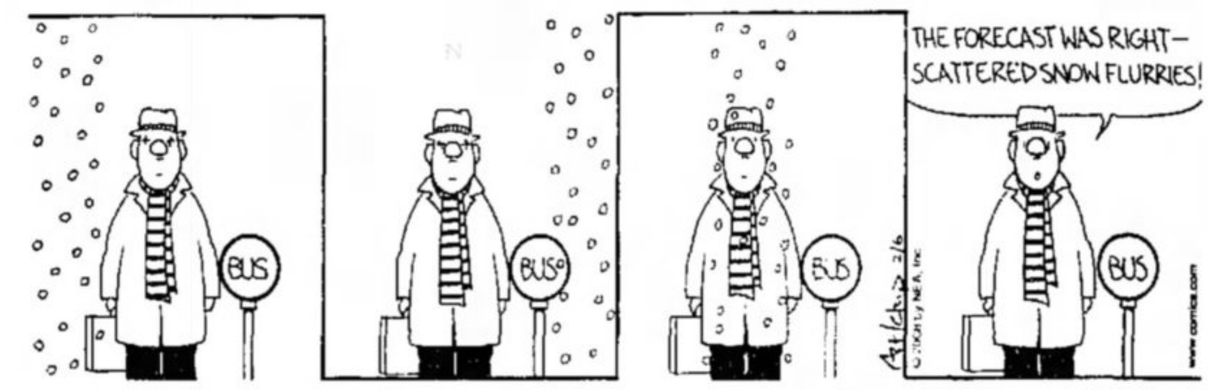
THANKS FOR REMINDING ME...
BEETLE WANTED TO KNOW WHEN TO PICK ME UP!
GREG+ MORT WALKER

BORN LOSER® by Art Sansom



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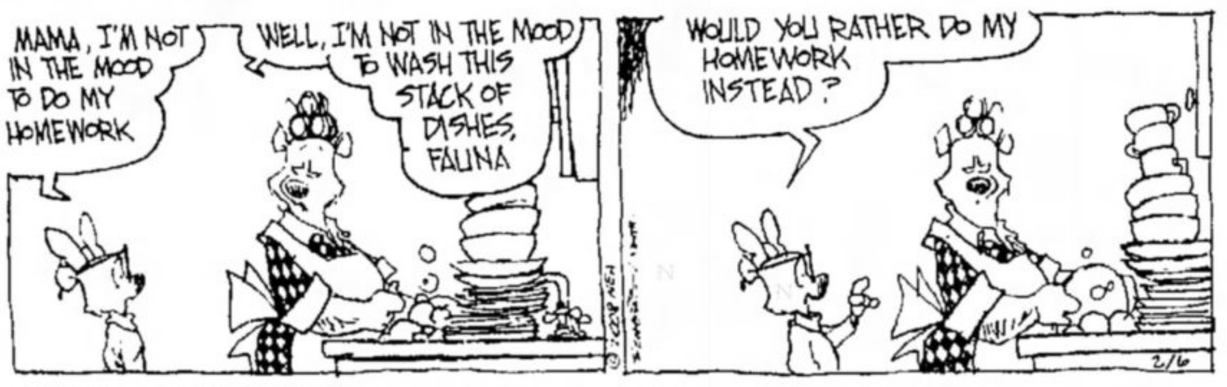
MAMA, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO DO MY HOMEWORK
WELL, I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO WASH THIS STACK OF DISHES, FAUNA
WOULD YOU RATHER DO MY HOMEWORK INSTEAD?
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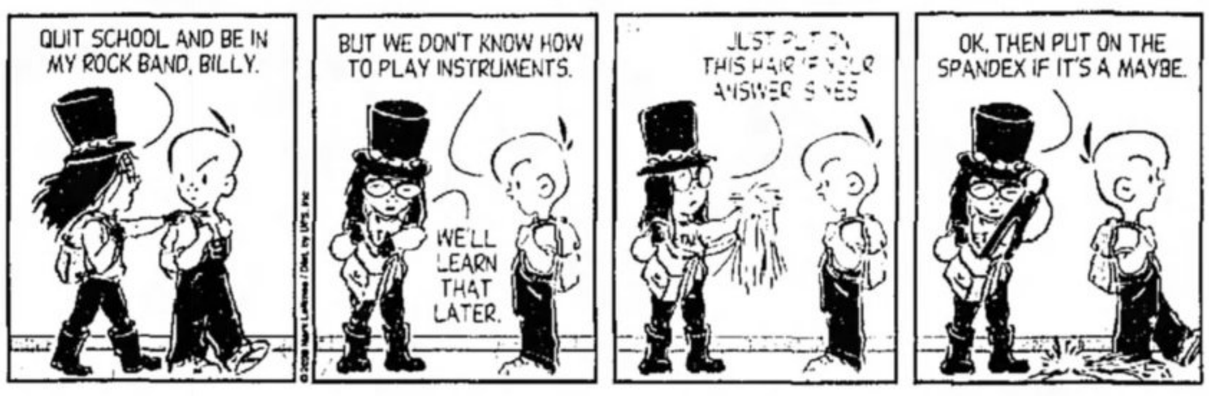
COW AND BOY® by Mark Leiknes


QUIT SCHOOL AND BE IN MY ROCK BAND, BILLY.
BUT WE DON'T KNOW HOW TO PLAY INSTRUMENTS.
WE'LL LEARN THAT LATER.
JUST PUT ON THIS HAIR IF YOUR ANSWER IS YES
OK, THEN PUT ON THE SPANDEX IF IT'S A MAYBE.

FRANK and ERNEST® by Bob Thaves

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"What's wrong with your neck?"

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I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO LIE DOWN ON HER LAP AFTER SHE ATE SOMETHING STICKY FOR LUNCH.
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SOUP TO NUTZ™ by Rick Stromoski

GUESS WHAT? I DISCOVERED SOMETHING TODAY!
IF YOU SPIN AROUND REAL FAST AND THEN LIE ON THE FLOOR YOU CAN FEEL THE EARTH'S ROTATION!
I DIDN'T DISCOVER SPINNING ROOMS UNTIL I GOT TO COLLEGE...

BIG NATE® by Lincolin Peirce

SO THIS NOTE IS YOU SAY FROM JENNY?
YES. ARTUR. IT'S FROM JENNY!
JUST READ IT, AND YOU WON'T HAVE ANY MORE STUPID QUESTIONS!
WHAT DOES SHE MEANING, "XOXOXO"?
I'M GETTING A HEADACHE.

ALLEY OOP® by Dave Graue

LET'S GIVE UP THIS HOPELESS TASK! IN COOLA'S GLOW, INSTEAD, YOU'LL BASK!
INSTEAD OF GIFTS OF GOLDEN HUE, LET PURE AFFECTION SHINE RIGHT THROUGH!
YEAH... LET'S GO FIND HER!
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MEANWHILE, IN ANOTHER PART OF MOO, EARLIE COP WAITS FOR COOLA...
ALLEY? ARE YOU THERE?
HEH! HEH! HEH!

MARK TRAIL® by Jack Elrod

MARK MANAGES TO REACH THE AIR CHAMBER UNDER THE BEAVER HOUSE
HE CATCHES HIS BREATH, THEN SURFACES AND SWIMS OUT OF SIGHT OF HIS ATTACKERS
I DON'T SEE ANDY... HE MUST HAVE REACHED SHORE AND HEADED TO THE COMMUNITY!

Crossword Puzzle

THE VALLEY INDEPENDENT

ACROSS

1 Veld grazer
6 — tube
11 Safari member
12 Jacket part
13 *Check in*
14 Conical shelters
15 Uses glue
16 Fond desire
17 Latin I verb
18 Galley mover
19 Montreal player
23 Put-down
25 Outer garment
26 San Francisco hill
29 Popular ski resort
32 Yeasty brew
33 Gonzalez's gold
34 Put on a play
35 Kyoto cash
36 Cold-cuts seller
38 Hawkeyes' state
40 Recital piece
41 Annapolis grad
42 Wonka's creator
46 Blowgun projectile
48 Kind of coverage
49 Persuading
52 Show up for duty
53 Ogres
54 Salad follower
55 Pores
56 Melted *together*

DOWN

1 Low scores
2 Is entitled to
3 They're given away
4 Steps on the gas
5 — you serious?
6 Dots in the Seine
7 Sister's son
8 Once called
9 Festive night
10 Home tel.
11 Pig movie
12 Cook in a wok
16 Makeup, slangily
18 Kick out
20 Cavity finder (hyph.)
21 Wan
22 Receptive
24 Vegas lead-in
26 Agrees silently
27 Hydrox rival
28 Cotton pod
30 Teamwork obstacles
31 Experimental
37 Trace element in salt
39 Skilled persons
41 Joule fractions
43 Love madly
44 Engaged
45 Delayed
47 Hill builders
48 Waiter's offering
49 Yech!
50 River, in Spain
51 Hoedown honey
52 NBA official

Answer to Previous Puzzle

B	Y	E	■	C	O	B	■	■	M	O	A	N
L	E	G	■	A	M	A	H	■	E	R	N	E
U	T	A	■	N	E	M	O	■	R	A	T	E
R	I	D	I	N	G	■	T	O	L	L	E	D
■	■	■	G	O	A	■	D	U	O	■	■	■
F	E	L	O	N	■	P	O	R	T	A	L	■
A	M	O	R	■	H	O	G	S	■	H	A	D
R	I	B	■	K	E	G	S	■	S	E	M	I
■	R	O	C	O	C	O	■	F	A	M	E	D
■	■	■	A	O	K	■	V	I	C	■	■	■
B	E	F	E	L	L	■	E	N	S	U	E	D
O	D	E	S	■	E	L	S	E	■	G	R	R
P	I	T	A	■	D	I	T	S	■	L	I	E
S	T	A	R	■	■	I	S	T	■	Y	E	W

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TV LISTINGS

Tolerance for others' beliefs could help heal world's woes

Dear **ABBY**

DEAR READERS: Today's column is a continuation of yesterday's, with more of your thought-provoking answers to my question, "What do you think is society's greatest problem?"

Read on:

DEAR ABBY: You won't print this, but in my opinion organized religion has a lot to do with why the world is so badly messed up.

Although most religions espouse values of kindness, generosity and good works, in practical application, it seems that religion is used more often to divide "them" from "us," and to give people yet another way to discriminate against one another.

It isn't limited to wars between different religions.

One need only look back a few years to see different sects of Christians killing and terrorizing each other in Northern Ireland.

And look at the state of religious warfare today. Muslims are murdering and terrorizing other Muslims in Iraq just for belonging to a different sect of Islam.

If people were more concerned with doing the right things in THIS world, rather than preoccupying themselves with what is going to happen in the NEXT one, our world would be a better place. — **KIM IN COLUMBUS, OHIO**

DEAR KIM: Your letter has merit, and that's why I printed it.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in this world a little more than 14 years, and to me, the main problem in our world today is lack of forgiveness.

We hold onto our anger and hate, thinking it makes us who we are, but really it destroys us.

Abby, I am not naive. I know not all people are good, but I believe people's actions depend on their circumstances and past, and we cannot judge them solely on what they do.

If we could forgive people's bad decisions and move on, the world would be a better place. — **KATIE IN JAMESVILLE, N.Y.**

DEAR ABBY: It's the "me first" mind-set that is illustrated by the guy who cuts you off in traffic, the young woman who rushes past the elderly woman with a cane entering a public restroom to grab the larger handicap stall when all the others are empty, the young mother who continues shopping with a screaming toddler having a tantrum — oblivious and not even trying to control it.

It's the co-worker who rises to the top by telling lies or taking credit for the work of others, or the person who cheats you in a business deal.

The bottom line?

We have made evil politically correct and faith unmentionable. — **MARTHA IN CRESCENT CITY, CALIF.**

DEAR ABBY: I think the problem is ignorance — ignorance of the fact that we are faced with choices every day and can act on them for better or worse.

We are ignorant of our own empowerment when it comes to the environment, how we treat others, our society's history that at times leads us down the same path toward war and the destruction of others.

It's ignorance of the plight of our neighbors, our community, our country and around the world.

There is woeful ignorance of our government, that it services the people, that its prime mission is the safety and well-being of the people, and our own civil rights.

Merlin of King Arthur's round table said, "The curse of man is that he forgets."

If only we won't forget that we are loving beings, capable of great love beyond measure, if only we would not ignore so much, but remember just a little. — **MAURICE IN ALBUQUERQUE, N.M.**

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WEDNESDAY EVENING — FEB. 6, 2008

	6PM	6:30	7PM	7:30	8PM	8:30	9PM	9:30	10PM	10:30	11PM	11:30	12AM	12:30	1AM	1:30	2AM	2:30
CBS (2) KDKA (7) WTRF (10) WTAJ	News (N)	(7) (10) CBS Evening News With Katie Couric (N)	(2) CBS Evening News-Couric/ (7) Entertainment/ (10) Inside	(2) The Insider/ (7) Inside Edition/ (10) Two and a Half Men Liz hits on Alan.	Two and a Half Men "Mr. McGlue's Feedbag" Jake has a windfall.	The Big Bang Theory Penny's Halloween party.	Criminal Minds "Seven Seconds" The BAU profiles people at the scene when a child is abducted at a mall.		CSI: NY "Playing With Matches" A drowning victim falls out of a self-cleaning restroom. (N)		News (N)	Late Show With David Letterman Vince Vaughn; Paula Abdul. (N)		The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson Lake Bell; Cynthia Littleton. (N)		(2) Extra (N)/ (7) The Insider (N)/ (10) Everybody Loves Raymond	(2) (10) Paid/ (7) That '70s Show Eric prepares to leave for Africa.	(2) Paid/ (7) (10) CBS Up to the Minute (N)
ABC (4) WTAE (23) WATM	(4) News (N)/ (23) The Insider (N)	ABC's World News With Charles Gibson (N)	(4) Inside Edition/ (23) Jeopardy! (N)	(4) Entertainment Tonight/ (23) Wheel of Fortune	Wife Swap "LaBrie/Zaring" A pampered professional engineer trades places with a hairdresser. (N)		Supernanny "Oostal Family" A couple with a misbehaving son receive advice. (N)		Cashmere Mafia "Stay With Me" Zoe and Eric try to find time to mark their anniversary. (N)		(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11 (N)/ (23) News (N)	Nightline (N)	Jimmy Kimmel Live		(4) Oprah Winfrey/ (23) Paid	(23) Paid	(4) The Kevin & Debbie Show: Skin Recovery/ (23) Springer	(4) Ch. 4 Action News at 11
NBC (6) WJAC (9) WTOV (11) WPXI	News (N)	NBC Nightly News (N)	(6) Entertainment Tonight (N)/ (9) (11) Jeopardy! (N)	(6) Who Wants to Be a Millionaire (N)/ (9) (11) Wheel of Fortune (N)	Deal or No Deal A Houston woman plays a tropical-themed game for $1 million.		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Untethered" Goren goes under cover in a prison mental ward.		Law & Order "Quit Claim" A mother and daughter are killed in a hit-and-run accident. (N)		News (N)	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (N)		Late Night With Conan O'Brien (N)		Last Call With Carson Daly	Poker After Dark Alan "Boston" Dvorkis; Antonio Esfandiari; Mike Sexton; Mike Matusow; Jamie Gold; Paul Wasicka.	
FOX (8) WWCP (53) WPGH	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	(8) That '70s Show/ (53) Frasier	(8) The Simpsons/ (53) Two and a Half Men	Seinfeld George's phone lines get crossed.	American Idol Best of the rest auditions. (N)		The Moment of Truth Participants answer 21 increasingly personal questions. (N)		(8) News (N)/ (53) Channel 11 News on FOX 53 at 10	(8) Seinfeld Jerry tries to help cafe's business.	(8) The King of Queens/ (53) Seinfeld	(8) Frasier/ (53) Scrubs	(8) Glory/ (53) Scrubs	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Paid	(53) Sex and the City Carrie visits Berger's place.	(8) Paid/ (53) Cheaters
(13) WQED	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)		Nightly Business Report	On Q	America's Ballroom Challenge "American Rhythm" (N)		African American Lives 2 Tom Joyner's great uncles were executed; Bliss Broyard discovers her father's identity. (N)				Charlie Rose (N)		OnQ Magazine	Tavis Smiley (N)	Nova "The Mummy Who Would Be King"		Frontline "A Dangerous Business Revisited"	
(19) WPCW	The People's Court (N)		Everybody-Raymond	Everybody-Raymond	America's Next Top Model "Exposed, Part 1" (N)		One Tree Hill "Don't Dream It's Over"		The 10 O'Clock News	The Nightly Sports Call	Malcolm in the Middle	According to Jim	That '70s Show	King of the Hill	South Park	Paid	Paid	Paid
(22) WPMY	The Simpsons	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Family Guy	Whacked Out	Whacked Out	Masters-Illusion		TMZ (N)	Frasier	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Paid	Paid	Bernie Mac	My Wife-Kids	Half & Half	Half & Half
(40) WPCB	The 700 Club		Focus 4		Today God	Heritage	Joel Osteen	Aspiring	With Arlene	Quick Study	CBN News	Richard and Lindsay Roberts		Theater	Focus 4		This Is Day	Laverne Tripp
(59) WBGN	Temptation	Temptation	Degrassi	Reno 911!	The Nanny	Mad Abt. You	Stone Undercover		Cold Squad		Reno 911!	Blind Date	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid	Paid
A&E	Cold Case Files		CSI: Miami "A Horrible Mind"		CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"		CSI: Miami "Pirated"		CSI: Miami "After the Fall"		CSI: Miami "Addiction"		CSI: Miami "Speed Kills"		CSI: Miami "Pirated"		CSI: Miami "After the Fall"	
ABCFAM	8 Rules	8 Rules	Grounded-Life	Grounded-Life	★★½ Sky High (2005)				Funniest Home Videos		The 700 Club		Whose Line?	Whose Line?	Paid	Paid	Precious in His Sight	
AMC	★★ Lionheart (1990)				★★ Sniper (1993)				★★ Iron Eagle (1986) A teenager embarks on a mission to rescue his father.					★★★★ Planet of the Apes (1968)				
ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter		Prehistoric Park "Bird House"		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Animal Precinct (N)		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Blue Planet: Seas of Life		Animal Precinct		Prehistoric Park "Bird House"	
BBC	Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares		BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				BBC World News America		Dancing With the Stars				Coupling	Tate	The Weakest Link	
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live Lenny Kravitz.		Access		★★ Never 2 Big (1998)				American Gangster		Hell Date	Hell Date	Jamie Foxx	Jamie Foxx	Comicview		BET Late	
BRAVO	Project Runway		Project Runway		Project Runway "On Garde!"		Project Runway		Project Runway (N)		Make Me a Supermodel		Project Runway		Project Runway		Make Me a Supermodel	
CMT	Pure Country	Gone Country		Gone Country	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Redneck Wed	Gone Country		Gone Country	Cable Guy	Home Videos	Home Videos	My Truck	My Truck	CMT Music	
CNBC	Mad Money		Kudlow & Company		Fast Money		American Greed (N)		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Mad Money		American Greed		The Big Idea With Deutsch		Paid	Paid
CNN	The Situation Room		Lou Dobbs Tonight		CNN Election Center		Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360		Anderson Cooper 360	
COM	★ The Shrimp on the Barbie		Scrubs	Scrubs	Daily Show	Colbert	Futurama	South Park	South Park	Reno 911! (N)	Daily Show	Colbert	South Park	Reno 911!	Daily Show	Colbert	Fifty Pills (2006)	
COURT	Wildest Police Videos		Cops	Cops	Most Shocking (N)		Most Daring		Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Power, Privilege & Justice		Most Shocking		Most Daring		Forensic Files	Forensic Files
CSPAN	House of Representatives				Tonight From Washington						Capital News Today						Today in Washington	
DISC	Cash Cab	Cash Cab	How It's Made	How It's Made	MythBusters		MythBusters "James Bond"		Smash Lab (N)		MythBusters		MythBusters		MythBusters "James Bond"		Smash Lab	
DISNEY	Wizards-Place	Wizards-Place	Han. Montana	Zack & Cody	Minutemen (2008)				That's-Raven	Life Derek	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Replacements	Kim Possible	Emperor New	Dragon	Buzz Light	Timon
E!	Wildest Wed	Chelsea	E! News (N)	The Daily 10	20 Most Shocking Unsolved Crimes				Snoop Father	Snoop Father	E! News	Chelsea	The Daily 10	Girl Next Door	Snoop Father	Snoop Father	The Soup	Chelsea
ESPN	SportsCenter		College Basketball Connecticut at Syracuse.				College Basketball Duke at North Carolina.				SportsCenter		NFL Live (N)	Fastbreak	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPNC	Schwab	Schwab	American Gladiators		Boxing		Images In Black and White		Classic Wiley		Bull Riding: Xtreme Bulls		The Contender		Wrestling	Wrestling	Cheap Seats	Arliss
ESPN2	NASCAR Now	Rome-Burning	College Basketball Texas at Oklahoma.				Soccer Mexico vs. United States. From Houston.					Strongest	NASCAR Now	Strongest	Formula D Drifting		Winter X-Games	
EWTN	Fr. Groeschel	Holy Mass With the Blessing and Imposition			EWTN Live		Super Saints	Holy Rosary	Exploring Biblical Jordan		Faith-Culture	Domestic	Daily Mass: Our Lady		EWTN Live		Domestic	Jesus Christ
FNC	Special Report		Fox Report-Shepard Smith		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		The O'Reilly Factor		Hannity & Colmes		On the Record-Van Susteren		Special Report	
FOOD	Minute Meals	Minute Meals	Emeril Live Chocolate recipes.		Good Eats	Good Eats	All Star Chocolate		Dinner	Dinner	Challenge "Cartoon Cakes"		All Star Chocolate		Dinner	Dinner	Challenge "Cartoon Cakes"	
FSN	Final Score	Savran on SportsBeat		FSN Live (N)	Sport Science		Best Damn Sports Show		FSN Live	Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		Final Score	Best Damn Sports Show		FSN Live	Final Score	Final Score
FX	★★½ The Day After Tomorrow (2004)				★★½ Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005)					★★½ Mr. & Mrs. Smith (2005)					'70s Show	'70s Show	Paid	Paid
GOLF	Trevino & Lopez		U.S. Open Golf Highlights		Inside PGA	Golf Central	19th Hole (N)	The Turn	Top 10	19th Hole	The Approach	Golf Central	19th Hole	Top 10	Trevino & Lopez		Golf Hawaii	Golf Central
GSN	Lingo	Whammy	Weakest Link		Be a Millionaire		Family Feud	Family Feud	How Much	Chain	Lingo	Whammy	Be a Millionaire		Trivia Trap	Now You See	High Stakes Poker	
HALL	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger		★★½ Follow the Stars Home (2001)				Murder, She Wrote		Murder, She Wrote		Walker, Texas Ranger		Walker, Texas Ranger	
HGTV	Rezoned	If Walls Could	House Worth?	House	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It (N)	Desperate Sp.	Whats	Designed-Sell	Get It Sold	Deserving	Design-Dime	House	Sleep on It
HIST	UFO Files		Modern Marvels "Metal"		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest		UFO Hunters "USOs" (N)		UFO Files		Modern Marvels		MonsterQuest		UFO Hunters "USOs"	
LIFE	Reba	Reba	Still Standing	Still Standing	Reba	Reba	While the Children Sleep (2007)				Will & Grace	Will & Grace	Frasier	Frasier	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	The Nanny	Guthy-Renker
MSNBC	Tucker		Hardball		Countdown-Olbermann		Live With Dan Abrams		Born in the Wrong Body		Born in the Wrong Body		Countdown-Olbermann		Born in the Wrong Body		Born in the Wrong Body	
MTV	True Life	True Life "This Is Me Now"		Rob & Big	Rob & Big	Rob & Big	Real World-Road Rules		Real World-Road Rules		America's Best Dance Crew Casting Special				Real World-Road Rules		Making the Band 4	
NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Ned's School	Zoey 101	Drake & Josh	SpongeBob	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	George Lopez	George Lopez	Fresh Prince	Fresh Prince
OXY	★★ Love Don't Cost a Thing (2003)					★★ Love Don't Cost a Thing (2003)					Bad Girls	Bad Girls	The Tyra Banks Show		★★½ Chasing Papi (2003)			
PCN	PCN Tours		PA Public Affairs														Deutsche Welle News	
PCNC	Lynn Cullen Show Talk show.		News	Psychiatric	NightTalk With Ann Devlin		News		NightTalk With Ann Devlin		Honsberger	Fedko Fone	News			Paid	NightTalk With Ann Devlin	
SCIFI	Stargate SG-1		Ghost Hunters "Toxic House"		Ghost Hunters "O.K. Corral"		Ghost Hunters International		UFO Hunters "Pilot"		Ghost Hunters International		UFO Hunters "Pilot"		Twilight Zone	Twilight Zone	The X-Files "Trevor"	
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		UFC Unleashed		Pros vs. Joes		UFC Unleashed		CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.		Star Trek: Voyager		Blade: The Series "Descent"	
TBS	Friends	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Family Guy	Family Guy	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	House-Payne	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	10 Items-Less	★½ Scary Movie 2 (2001)			★★ Eight Legged Freaks	
TCM	★★★½ Foreign Correspondent (1940)				★★★★ Vertigo (1958)				★★★★ Rear Window (1954)				★★★½ The Country Girl (1954)				The Bullfighter and the Lady	
TLC	Property Ladder		Half Man, Full Life		My Shocking Story, No Face		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine "Weight N' See"		My Shocking Story, No Face		Dr. G: Medical Examiner		Big Medicine "Weight N' See"		Half Man, Full Life	
TNT	Law & Order "White Lie"		Law & Order "Equal Rights"		Law & Order "Gov Love"		★★ Monster-in-Law (2005) Premiere.				Cold Case "Lover's Lane"		Without a Trace "Fallout"		Without a Trace "Fallout"		Without a Trace "The Bus"	
TOON	Scooby-Doo	Scooby-Doo	Codename	Camp Lazlo	Chowder	George	Jimmy's Head	Courage-Dog	Ed, Edd	Naruto	Family Guy	Family Guy	Chicken	Shin Chan	Ghost in Shell	Eureka 7	Family Guy	Family Guy
TRAVEL	Las Vegas: Sucker Bets		Treasure Hunting in America		Treasure Hunting in America		Treasure Hunting in America		Treasures	Treasures	Pizza Wars: NY vs. Chicago		Treasure Hunting in America		Treasure Hunting in America		Treasures	Treasures
TVLAND	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	Sanford	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Just Shoot	Just Shoot	Bev. Hillbillies	Bev. Hillbillies	Sanford	Jeffersons
USA	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		NCIS "Eye Spy"		NCIS "My Other Left Foot"		Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order: SVU		★★★½ Traffic (2000)			
VH1	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	Hogan Knows	My Fair Brady	Flavor of Love 3 Casting Sp		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		Rock of Love-Bret Michaels		My Fair Brady	Hwd Secrets
VS.	NHL Hockey		TapouT		WEC WrekCage		World Extreme Cagefighting				WEC WrekCage		World Extreme Cagefighting				TapouT	
WE	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Party Mamas	Weddings	Weddings	Fab Wedding	Fab Wedding	Lingerie Secrets Revealed		Swimsuit Secrets Revealed		Rich Bride, Poor Bride		Lingerie Secrets Revealed		Swimsuit Secrets Revealed	
WGN	Funniest Pets	Funniest Pets	Funniest Home Videos		Corner Gas	Corner Gas	Becker	Becker	WGN News at Nine (N)		Scrubs	Scrubs	Corner Gas	Becker	Funniest Home Videos		The Steve Wilkos Show (N)	
ENC	★★ Steel	★½ Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo (1999)			★★★ Independence Day (1996)					★★ Underworld: Evolution (2006)				★★ Street Fighter (1994)			Deuce Bigalow: Male Gigolo	
HBO	★★★ Breach (2007)				Baghdad Hospital: Inside		In Treatment	In Treatment	Inside the NFL (N)		Real Time With Bill Maher		The Wire "React Quotes"		★★★ V for Vendetta (2006)			
MAX	★★★ Blood Diamond (2006)				★★★ The Devil Wears Prada (2006)				★★½ The Astronaut Farmer (2007)				Bare Naked Desires (2007)			★★★ My Cousin Vinny (1992)		
SHOW	★★½ The Mirror Has Two Faces (1996)				The L Word		★★ Get Rich or Die Tryin' (2005)				★★★½ Pulp Fiction (1994) Premiere.					★ The Hills Have Eyes Part II (1985)		
STARZ	★★½ Stomp the Yard (2007)				★★ Ghost Rider (2007)				Head Case	Hollywd Res.	Head Case	Hollywd Res.	★★ Stay Alive (2006)			★★½ Stomp the Yard (2007)		
TMC	★★½ Last Holiday (2006)		California Dreaming (2007)			★★½ Where the Money Is (2000)			.45 (2006) Premiere.			★★ Asylum (2005)				★ The Keeper (2004)		

FEATURES

WEDDINGS

Geary-Chiprich

Kendra and Erik Chiprich

Kendra Lorraine Geary and Erik Christopher Chiprich were united in marriage on Sept. 1, 2007, during a ceremony officiated by the Rev. Joseph Lautzenhiser in St. Francis Xavier Church, Medina, Ohio.

The bride is the daughter of Dr. Robert and Dorothy Geary, of Medina, and the groom is the son of Frank and Eileen Chiprich, of Monongahela.

Matron of honor was Abigail Geary Ereth, of Brooklyn, N.Y., sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Amanda Weiss, of Brooklyn, N.Y., Mandy Lehrer and Havilah Stewart, of New York, N.Y., Katherine Fry, of Aspen, Colo., Melissa Mares, of Pittsburgh, sister of the groom; Frannie Pergola, of Boston, Mass., and Jeff Trocio, of New York.

Serving as best men were Michael Lehrer, of Brooklyn, and Bryan Painter, of San Diego, Calif. Groomsmen were Chris Tomley, of Dallas, Texas, Aaron Buhl, of Pittsburgh, John Bartels, of Cleveland, Ohio, Andy Titus, of San Francisco, Calif., T.J. O'Hara, of Columbus, Ohio, and Jeff Hunkele, of Chicago, Ill.

Ushers were Gordon Short, of Cleveland, Yuri Chiprich, of Monongahela, cousin of the groom; Josh Sevick, of Pittsburgh, and Brian Lush, of Dallas, Texas.

Readers were Lee Brletich, of Fayetteville, N.C., cousin of the groom; Aaron Mares, of Pittsburgh, brother-in-law of the groom; Darrel Ereth, of Brooklyn, brother-in-law of the bride; and Tisha Garduno, of Boston.

A reception was held at the Cleveland Marriott Downtown at Key Center in Cleveland.

The bride is a graduate of Medina (Ohio) High School and the University of Denver, Denver, Colo. She is employed by the New York Stock Exchange Euronext as an account manager in New York.

The groom is a graduate of Ringgold High School, John Carroll University in Cleveland and received his MBA from Fordham University in New York. He is employed by the Bank of Montreal in New York as an equity research analyst.

The newlyweds are residing in New York, N.Y.

CRAFT OF THE WEEK

The ultimate knit afghan

If you've ever received a handmade afghan as a gift, you know there's something a little cozier about a piece that was knitted especially for you. It's as if the love that went into making it adds a little extra warmth. That personal touch is what makes a hand-crafted afghan such a wonderful way to let someone know you're thinking of them.

A 56-page guidebook, "The Ultimate Book of Knit Afghans," makes it easy share a little warmth with someone special (or just add a cozy touch to your own home). The book features step-by-step directions for 19 luxurious afghan designs ranging from needlecraft classics to modern originals.

A full-color photo of each design will help you choose the perfect project every time. To round out the collection, a guide to special techniques, a metric conversion chart, knitting needle and crochet hook conversion charts and a glossary of abbreviations and symbols include everything you need to know to get started.

"The Ultimate Book of Knit Afghans," No. AN1293, is $13.95. If you'd like to make an afghan but don't know how to knit, a 33-page guidebook called "Learn to Knit in Just One Day," No. AN1210, is available for $7.95. Please include $4 for postage and handling and allow about two weeks for delivery.

'Fisherman' afghan

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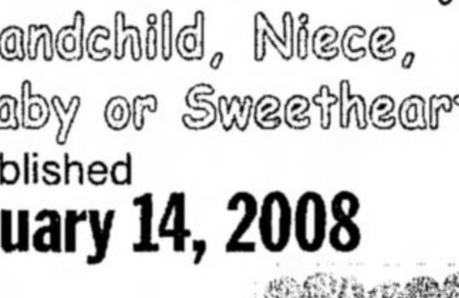

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CALENDAR WATCH

Thursday

■ Belle Vernon Knights of Columbus Council 3026 meeting, St. Timothy Church, Smithton, 8 p.m.

■ Southwestern Local Task Force meeting, Intermediate Unit 1 Central Office, Coal Center, 10 a.m.

■ Overeaters Anonymous meeting, Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen, 7:30 p.m.

■ TEAM Charleroi Executive Committee meeting, chamber building, 8 a.m.

■ Free tax preparation for low or medium income with special emphasis to ages 60 and older, Monessen Senior Center, for appointment, call (724) 684-6105.

■ Kindergarten registration, Bentworth Elementary Center, by appointment.

VALLEY GRAPEVINE

Charthene Club to meet Thursday

The Charleroi Charthene Club will meet Thursday at Jem Lounge in Monongahela. Dinner will be held at 6:30 p.m.; the meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. Members are asked to bring a non-perishable item.

Mon Valley DAV to meet Thursday

Mon Valley Disabled American Veterans Chapter 131 will meet 7 p.m. Thursday at the Mon Valley Community Health Center, Monessen.

Healing service set at Union Baptist

Union Baptist Church, 670 McMahon Ave., Monessen, will have a healing service led by the Rev. Millie A. Thomas 7 p.m. Friday.

Fish fry scheduled in Belle Vernon

The Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department will host a fish fry 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Friday and each Friday through the Lenten season, including Good Friday. For takeouts, call (724) 929-5511.

Bingo planned at St. Charles Borromeo

St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Fifth Ave., Sutersville, will hold a bingo in the church social hall 1 p.m. Sunday. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Spring Cycle Project grant proposals due

The Community Foundation of Fayette County reminds interested Fayette County non-profit organizations that the 2008 Spring Cycle Project grant proposals are due March 1. Eligible organizations must be non-profit, tax-exempt and located in Fayette County. The foundation may also make grants to organizations out of Fayette County whose purposes and programs benefit Fayette County. Grant awards of up to $5,000 are made to innovative projects and programs that meet the foundation's general criteria for enriching and improving the lives of Fayette County residents. To apply or for information, call the Community Foundation of Fayette County office, Uniontown, at (724) 437-8600 or visit the Web site at www.cffayettepa.org.

Penny social set at Holy Resurrection

A Valentine Penny Social will be held 3 p.m. Sunday in the social area of Holy Resurrection Church, Belle Vernon. Sponsored by St. Barbara's Altar Guild, games will be played and prizes awarded. Food will be available and free refreshments will be served. Tickets will be sold at the door.

PNA Council 60 to meet Sunday

Polish National Alliance Council 60 will meet 1 p.m. Sunday at the Bentleyville hall.

Bellmar Class of '66 plans birthday party

A 60th birthday is being planned April 19 for Bellmar (Belle Vernon Area Class of 1966). Addresses are needed for the following classmates: David Adams, Jackie Butler, Tom Carson, Darlene Davis, Bill Corbett, Joyce Linderman, Robert Lucas, Lorraine (Monticello) Koper, Nancy (Onofrey) Gearing, Karen (Layton) Miller, Tom Perez, Arthur D. Bradford, Carol Rumbaugh, Dennis Bethem, Rick Glotfelty, Gibert L. Sterner, Margie Krill, Kathy (Thrasher) Wilson, J.C. Pabis, Stephanie (Pivarnik) Travers. Anyone with information is asked to call Bernie at (724) 929-4951.

Monongahela police offering free calendars

The Monongahela Police Department is offering free 2008 calendars to the public. Those interested can stop at the department.

ENGAGEMENTS

Moravec-DeMedio

Amanda Moravec & Gregory DeMedio

Michael and Becky Moravec, of Rostraver Township, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Amanda, to Gregory DeMedio, of New Eagle, son of Rick and Phyllis DeMedio.

A 2000 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, Moravec received a bachelor of science degree in math from California University of Pennsylvania. She is employed by the East Allegheny School District as a high school math teacher.

DeMedio is a 1997 graduate of Ringgold High School and a graduate of California University of Pennsylvania with a master of science degree in business administration. He is employed by Merrill Lynch as a negotiator.

The couple is planning a June 28, 2008, wedding in Las Vegas, Nev.

A reception will be held at the St. Spyridon Hellenic Center in Monessen on July 5.

Valley Grapevine deadline set

Items for Valley Grapevine should be submitted at least five publishing days prior to scheduled meetings or events.

CELEBRITY CIPHER

by Luis Campos

Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

Today's clue: I equals S

"HX WXK NCCXP OXFBIYCRYI KX SY HMIZYNBKYWYH SO NWO DNMCFBY NI CXWU NI OXF ZNRY HXWY OXFB SYIK." - JXKZYB KYBYIN

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NEWS

MAKING THE GRADE

Lions honor three students

Tola

Rodgers

Pohlot

The Belle Vernon Lions Club recognized the following Bellmar Middle School eighth-graders as students of the month:

December – Gregory A. Toia, son of Greg and Susan Toia

January – Lauren B. Rodgers, daughter of Negley and Ruth Ann Rodgers

February – Zachary N. Pohlot, son of Michael and Andrea Pohlot.

Charthene Club honors seniors

O'Dowd

Murphy

Dadisman

The Charleroi Charthene Club recognized three Charleroi Area High School seniors.

Katherine O'Dowd serves as National Honor Society and student council president, senior class executive committee treasurer, HOBY ambassador and Memoir senior editor. She has been active with Relay for Life, REACH, academic league, peer jury, Hometown Hi-Q Team, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Chamber Ensemble and the Knights of Columbus All-Star Band.

She has received the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences.

She is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students and has been recognized by the United States Achievement Academy.

The daughter of William and Mary O'Dowd, of Charleroi, she plans to attend college.

Jessica Dadisman has been active with the Audience of the Future, Spanish Club, school musicals, Tri-M Music Honors Society, Relay for Life and Little Great Race.

The marching band drum major, she is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

The daughter of Robert and Carol Dadisman, of Charleroi, she plans to attend college.

Jennifer Murphy has been active with Youth and Government, Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Leo Club, The Future is Mine, student council, Future Business Leaders of America, Memoir, SADD, REACH, National Honor Society, Student Forum, and Spanish Club.

She volunteers for Habitat for Humanity and the Make A Wish Foundation.

She has been recognized by Charleroi Rotary, Lions Club and FBLA. An honors student, she is listed in "Who's Who Among American High School Students."

She has received the Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award and the Golden Attendance Award.

The daughter of Jodi Murphy, of Charleroi, she plans to attend college.

DANCE-GYMNASTICS

Russell headed to New York

Russell

While attending the JUMP Dance Convention, Jessica Russell, 12, received a tap scholarship to Mike Minery's summer intensified program in New York City.

She was recognized for passion, technique and articulation skills.

She is a leader in the advanced study program at her local dance school.

A Frazier Middle School sixth-grader, she is the daughter of Debbie and Keith Russell, of Perryopolis.

She is the granddaughter of Georgetta and Charles Wiles, of Belle Vernon, and Alice Russell, of Perryopolis.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Hartley-Foster

Peggy Foster, of Charleroi, Martin Foster, of Vanderbilt, and Connie Jericho, of Charleroi, have announced the engagement of their children, Charlee Foster and Jason Hartley.

The bride-elect is a 2000 Charleroi Area High School graduate.

A 2004 Indiana University of Pennsylvania graduate, she received a master's degree in 2006 from California University of Pennsylvania.

She a reading specialist in the Ringgold School District.

Her fiance is a 1999 Charleroi Area High School graduate.

A 2002 graduate of Bradford School of Business graduate, he works for RTS Packaging Co. in Charleroi.

The couple is planning a July 25, 2009, wedding.

Jason Hartley and Charlee Foster

ROSTRAVER MIDDLE SCHOOL HONORS (BELLE VERNON AREA)

The following were named to the second-quarter honor roll at Rostraver Middle School in the Belle Vernon Area School District:

Grade six

Highest honor

Katie Anna, Ryan Belczyk, Brian Brazon, Ashley Che, Christopher Christner, John Columbus, Alexandra Corella, Alexis Ellin, Justen Emerick, Logan Frye, Emily Gagliardi, Adam Gillen, Kaitlin Greco, Brendon Green, Katelyn Gromo, Alexandra Hartman, John Kostelnik, Brooke Kulasa, Maggie Lewis, Aaron McCullough, Lyric Modar, Alissa Oblak, Hayden Pascoe, Brianna Sokol, Diana Sokol, Dylan Stark, Jacob Sweitzer, Chelsea Szczerba, Nikolas Tasser, Rachel Watson, Lindsey Williams and Zachery Wyckoff.

High honor

James Amoroso, Riley Chunko, Ashly Gagliardi, Gerald Hinerman, Adam Holliday, Ian Kemmerling, Scott Marek and Colin McGrogan.

Honor

Katherine Andrews, Joseph Angioletti, Gregory Bagay, Alexander Bates, Sarah Bowers, Edward Druciak, Elizabeth Durigon, Aubrie English, Jacob Hajostek, Robert Harhai, Charles Hasson, Carly Highberger, Christopher Hruby, Kelsy Lawson, Christina Loranger, Britany Lundy, Parker Lynn, Lindsey Manko, Adam Niehenke, Justin Pasternak, Alexis Pfile, Emily Roche, Michelle Shaw, Gabriella Steadman, Peyton Stewart, Olivia Suchko, Hannah Wapiennik, Cassandra Whiteko and Michael Yackovich.

Grade seven

Highest honor

Cassandra Ackerman, Cameron Beichner, Alec Cicchini, Brianna Frolo, Aaron Gillie, Jocelyn Gillmore, Kylie Kikta, John Kosinski, Geno Leone, Victoria Maatta, Rachel Moore, Kaylee Naden, Sarah Pesi, Ashlee Rose, Jillian Rubino, Jennifer Sebastian, Erika Skocik, Matthew Suchko, Ryan Thomas, Heather Wells, David Wurmlinger and Alex Yawny.

High honor

Matthew Bronakowski, Cole Bukowski, Thomas Campano, Brianna Church, Tyler Frankel, Molly Gauden, Joel Godzin, Emily Herold, David Lynn, Savannah McCormick, Jacqueline Paul, Amanda Shemansky, Joseph Simsic, Natalie Tenuta, Colin Woss and Garret Zimmerman.

Honor

Carlie Argirakis, Mahulani Burritt, Matthew Callaway, Alexa Delozier-Varnum, Joshua Eisel, Krista Fiorvanti, Amanda Grant, Ryan Greenawalt, Meghan Litvany, Alison Marino, Scott McAfee, Colin McCreary, Erin McCreary, Christopher Middleton, Brandon Murtaugh, Jillian Niro, Samantha Petrone, Mia Porreca, Emily Ritchie, Brianna Rose, Nathan Russo, Arthur Vysotsky and Anthony Zenobi.

Grade eight

Highest honor

Jenna Babinski, Dakota Barella, Adam Cole, Vincent Derosa, Ian Dobbins, Jessica Frolo, Jennifer Hajostek, Michelle Kardos, Katharine Lewis, Kevin McNeil, Nolan Miller, Caitlin Pasternak, Christine Plavchak, Lindsay Richardson, Lauren Seitzinger, Gabrielle Steiner, Harry Wilkinson and Kathilynn Zuraw.

High honor

John Anna, Sarah Bates, Cameron Bell, Colin Berkley, Megan Diperna, Dennis Grove, Dean Manown, Abby Mccullough, Krista Oblack, Heather Taylor, Nikki Treater, Rebecca Wardle, Adam Weaver, Brian Weaver and Sarah Zora

Honor

Robert Boscan, Jacob Burritt, William Cappalonga, Thomas Crawford, Garrett Gillie, Thomas Hoffman, Blair Jankowski, Cody Lawson, Richard Maglet, Kerry McGrogan, Cara Mehalek, Rachelle Rischitelli, Dylan Shupe, Nicholas Soltis, Ronald Toomey and Zachary Weight.

Memorial Tributes For...

Valentine's Day

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For your convenience in selecting a suitable memorial, a number of verses have been printed below. One of these may perfectly portray your feelings. However, you may express any sentiment in your own words, or stop in at our Eastgate office and select a verse from our Memorial Book. If you prefer to publish a picture with the verse, please contact the classified department by phone at 724-684-5200 for further information.

Special Valentine's Day Memorial Page To Be Published
Thursday, February 14, 2008

1.
You are not forgotten, loved one,
Nor will you ever be.
As long as life and memory last,
We shall remember thee.
We miss you now, our hearts are sore,
As time goes on we miss you more.
Your loving smile, your gentle face,
No one can fill your vacant place.

2.
They say time heals all sorrows,
And helps us to forget,
But time so far has only proved
How much we miss you yet.
God gave us strength to fight it
And courage to bear the blow,
But what it meant to lose you,
No one will ever know.

3.
You have taken your long last journey
In the beautiful ship, called Rest,
Away from this world of sorrow
To the home of Eternal Rest.

4.
Today recalls sad memories
Of our dear one gone to rest
And the ones who think of you today,
Are the ones who love you best.

5.
Within our hearts we'll always keep
A special place for you
And try to do our best to live
As you would want us to.
We loved you so, we miss you,
In our memory you are near
Loved, remembered and longed for,
Always treasured with love sincere.

6.
Your life is a beautiful memory,
Your death is a silent grief,
You sleep in God's beautiful garden,
In the sunshine of perfect peace.

7.
Wonderful memories woven in gold,
This is the picture we tenderly hold.
Deep in our hearts - memory is kept,
To love, cherish and never forget.

8.
Our hearts are heavy,
Our thoughts are all of thee,
How we really miss you, dear,
No one but God can see.
Some say time heals an aching heart,
But, no, it isn't true,
For many long years have passed
And our hearts still ache for you.

9.
Memories are treasures no one can steal,
Death leaves a heartache no one can heal.
Loved dearly in life and living yet,
in the hearts of the ones who will
never forget.

10.
No one knows how much we miss you,
No one knows the bitter pain
We have suffered since we lost you,
Life has never been the same.
In our hearts your memory lingers,
Sweetly tender, fond and true,
There is not a day, dear loved one
That we do not think of you.

11.
Tonight the stars are gleaming
Upon a lonely grave,
Where sleeps one without dreaming
The one we loved but could not save.
The rolling streams of life pass on,
But still the vacant chair,
Recalls the smile, the love, the voice,
Of the one who once sat there.

12.
Nothing can ever take away
The love a heart holds dear;
Fond memories linger every day
Remembrance keeps them near.

13.
Gone, dear loved one, gone forever
How we miss your smiling face,
But you left us to remember,
None on earth can take your place.
A happy home we once enjoyed,
How sweet the memory still,
But death has left a loneliness,
The world can never fill.

14.
The depth of sorrow we cannot tell,
Of the loss of one we loved so well,
And while you sleep, a peaceful sleep,
Your memory we shall always keep.

15.
I formed a mental picture
Of the one I loved so dear,
He (She) went to meet his (her) Maker
Without a trace of fear.
Sometime I hope to join him (her),
What a meeting that will be,
When we are again united
Beyond life's sea of dreams.

16.
Our hearts still ache with sadness,
Our eyes shed many tears,
God only knows how much we miss you
At the end of these long years,
And when evening shadows are falling,
And we are sitting all alone,
There comes to us a longing,
If only you could come home.

17.
Peacefully sleeping, resting at last,
His (hers) weary troubles and trials past,
In silence he (she) suffered,
In patience he (she) bore,
'Til God called him (her) home
To suffer no more.

18.
When links of life are broken
And loved ones have to part,
It leaves a wound that never heals
An ever aching heart,
So it does not take a special day,
To bring him (her) to our minds
For days that we do not think of him (her)
Are very hard to find.

19.
Within our store of memories,
He (she) holds a place apart.
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1202 WEST MAIN ST.
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Reed, Paul
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Williams, Rufus
ESTATE NOTICE

Letters of administration on the estate of RUFUS WILLIAMS, a/k/a RUFUS WILLIAMS, JR. late of Donora Borough, Washington County, deceased, having been granted by the Register of Wills of Washington County, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment, and to those having claims against the same to present them without delay to

Thomas B. Kostolansky,
Administrator
617 McKean Avenue
Donora, PA 15033
1/30,2/6,13

2020/BID NOTICES

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The California Area School District will receive sealed bids for Industrial Arts, Music, Interscholastic Athletics, Physical Education, Science, First Aid Equipment and Supplies until 2:00 p.m., February 28, 2008

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Bids will be opened publicly at 2:05 p.m., February 28, 2008, in the Business Office at the above address.

The Board reserves the right to reject any and all bids EOE

Mary Bastin,
Board Secretary
2/1,6,13

2030/MEETING NOTICES

NOTICE OF HEARING
ROSTRAVER
TOWNSHIP ZONING
HEARING BOARD
TO CITIZENS OF
ROSTRAVER
TOWNSHIP

THE ROSTRAVER TOWNSHIP ZONING HEARING BOARD WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING AT THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 201 MUNICIPAL DRIVE, BELLE VERNON, PENNSYLVANIA 15012 ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2008 AT 6:30 P.M., TO HEAR THE FOLLOWING CASES

1. Signstal, 412 Harrison Ave., Jeannette, PA 15644 is requesting a Sign Variance for the total square footage of signage. The owner of the property is Shoppes at Rostraver LLC, 128 Pricedale Road, Belle Vernon, PA 15012. The applicants' proposed use is an advertising sign for Game Stop. The property is located at 126 Pricedale Road and is presently zoned B-2.

2. R-K Neon Co., Inc., 731 Santone Dr., Greensburg, PA 15601 is requesting a Sign Variance for the square footage of signage. The owner of the property is Castelli Brothers Comp., Glimcher Group, 500 Grant Street, Suite 2000, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. The applicants' proposed use is an advertising sign for Sky Nails. The property is located at 251 Tri County Lane and is presently zoned B-2.

3. Rachelle Fetchen, 1211 Monongahela, St., Belle Vernon, PA 15012 is requesting a Sign Variance for total square foot of sign and height of sign. The applicants' proposed use is to bring an advertising sign for dog kennel into compliance. The property is located at 1211 Monongahela St. and is presently zoned A-1.

4. Dan Obusek, P.O. Box 13, Bunola, PA 15020 is requesting a Special Exception. The owner of the property is William R. Basile, P.O. Box 357, Newell, PA 15466. The applicants' proposed use is a Karate School. The property is located at 415 Don St. and is presently zoned B2.

All parties interested or wishing to be heard are invited to attend.

**NOTE The applicant(s)/their representative MUST ATTEND this hearing in order for action to be taken on the request.

John Bedell, Secretary
Rostraver Township
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Municipal Building
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2050/CORPORATE NOTICES

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Notice is hereby given of the filing of an application for registration of a fictitious name, as follows

The fictitious name is Backyard & Beyond Tree Care Inc.

The address of the principal office or principal place of business to be carried on under or through the fictitious name is 286 Johnston Road, Bentleyville, PA 15314

The names and addresses of the persons or entities who are parties to the registration are: Backyard & Beyond Tree Care Inc., 286 Johnston Road, Bentleyville, PA 15314.

An application for a fictitious name was filed on February 5, 2008 in the Department of State, under the Fictitious Names Act, 54 Pa. C.S.A. 311 et seq., Act of December 16, 1982, No. 295, P.L. 1309

Gina M. Banai, Esquire
510 Main Street
Suite E
Bentleyville, PA 15314
(724) 239-6141
(724) 239-6142 (fax)
2/6

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before City Council of the City of Monessen on February 20, 2008 at 7:00 P.M. at the Municipal Building, 100 Third Street, Monessen, Pennsylvania 15062, for the purpose of receiving comments and recommendations of interested individuals residing within the City of Monessen concerning the request of S & J Verner Enterprises, LLC, for approval to transfer restaurant liquor license No. E-2585, currently owned by Pizza Hut of America, Inc., to premises at Eastgate 12, Monessen, Pennsylvania 15062. The license is now in safekeeping with the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board and was last used at 4453 William Penn Highway, Murrysville Borough, Westmoreland County, Pennsylvania 15668-9530. The request and hearing arise from Section 461b 3 of the Pennsylvania Liquor Code. Interested individuals should attend.

Timothy M. Maalta,
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The name of the corporation is: Backyard & Beyond Tree Care Inc.

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NOTICE OF
VOLUNTARY
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William E. Lestitian, Esquire, Rothman Gordon P.C., 310 Grant Street, Third Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Notice is hereby given by Motor Supply Company, Inc., a Pennsylvania Corporation, that said corporation is winding up its affairs in the manner prescribed by the Business Corporation Law of 1988, so that its corporate existence shall cease upon the filing of Articles of Dissolution in the Department of State of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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2060/GOVERNMENT NOTICES

NOTICE

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